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# THE DANIEL AND THOMAS KENNEDY FAMILIES

 $\underline{\text{OF}}$ 

TENNESSEE

Ft. Wayne, Indiana

# CARIVED IN AMERICA 1716)

DANIEL KENNEDYIR Y MARY ALLEN WILL FILED 1751

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(DAUGHTER OF JOHN GILLIS)



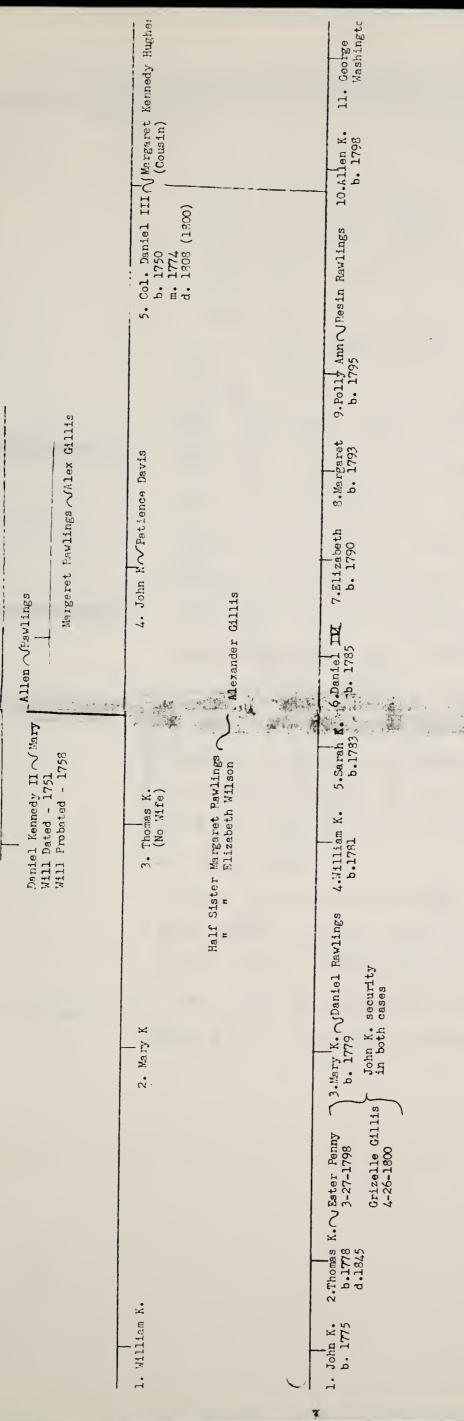
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	7. ELIZABETHK.	B. 1790
	6. DANIEL KITT	B.1785
	5. SARAH K.	8.1783

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Daniel Kennedy Liv Mary Blair

John Gillis sued by Daniel Fawlings.

Thomas Gillis - produced in court an account against estate of Daniel Kennedy, deceased.

Thomas K. mentioned with estate of Dan K III, edministrator Margaret K. - his wife.



Please keep in mind that Washington Co, North Carolina was once the entire state of Tenn., and many records are missing. The earliest census records for Washington, Cocke, Greene, and Jefferson count-

31 WEST SIXTH AVENUE april 30, 1948

Mr m D. Kircharford 4400 Iddan Dheel Chicago 41 Ill.

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Mrs. Ben Grisard 31 West 6th Avenue Winchester, Tennessee

April 30, 1948

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of April 19, I wish to say I have not been able to contact the Kennedy descendant here until this morining. She says she does not know anything about her ancestors, but she remembers to have seen something about a Daniel Kennedy in Ramsay's Annals of Tennessee History.

I'm sure all hostories of early Tennessee have something to say about him. I found a footnote in our city library last week saying a sketch of Daniel Kennedy could be found in Samuel Cole Williams! History of the State of Franklin (covering years 1784-1788 about) If you do not find the book I will try to look it up the next time I go to the State Library in Nashville.

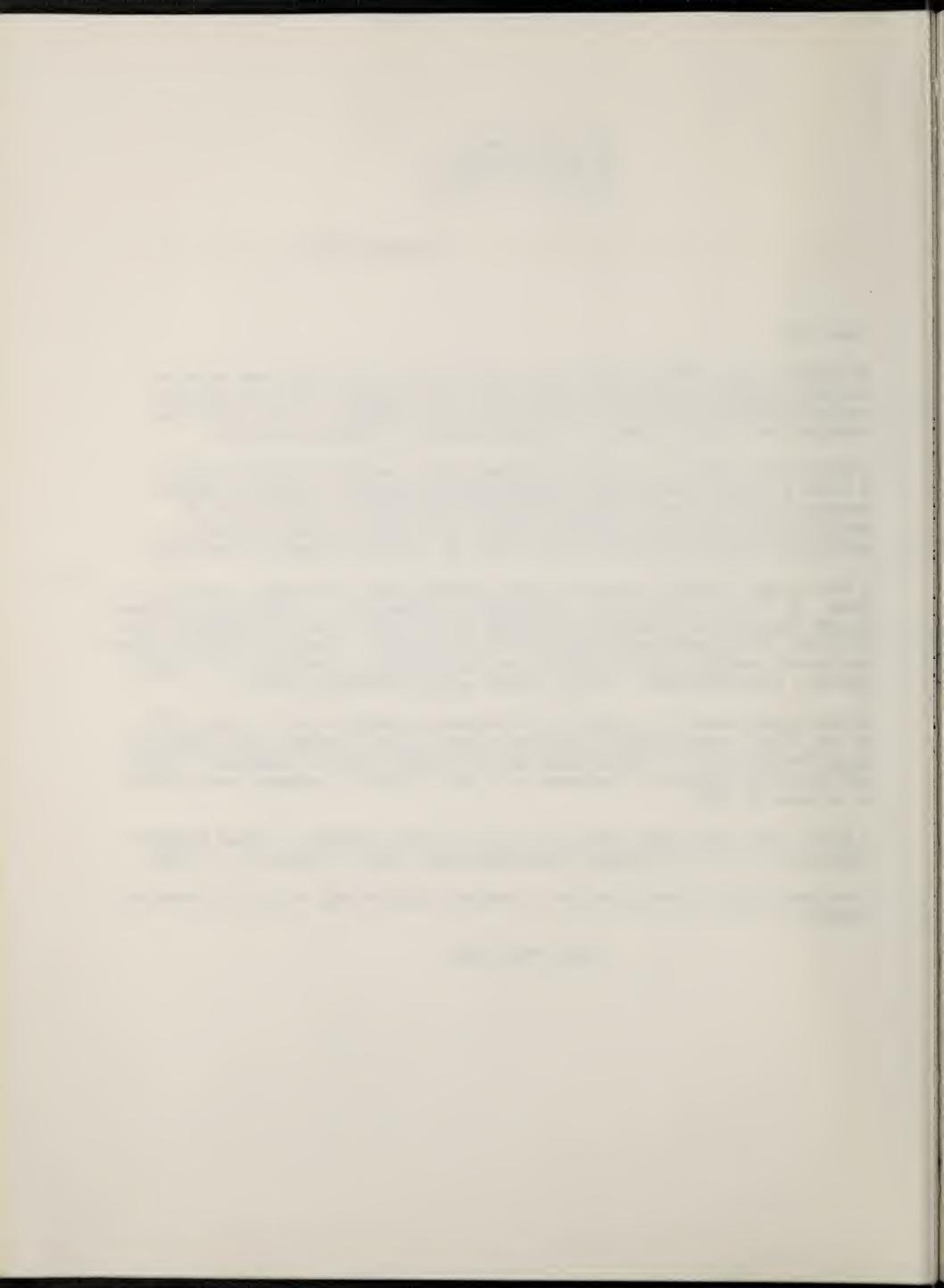
I have found something, however, in my personal files that might give you a lead. It is in a book I have - "Counties of Tennesee" - I shall quote: "Greene County Tennesee was created by the State of N.C. from a part of Washington Co. in 1783. Settlements were begun in 1778, or earlier. Among the early settlers was Daniel Kennedy, who with others were interested in founding the Methodist Church - named "Ebanezer" It was located on the Nolliehucky River" - - - - -

Re/Washington County - Erected by the General Assembly of N.C. in Nov. 1777. It was formed from Washington district which had been detached from Wilkes and Burke Counties, N.D. and included all the present state of Tennesee. From it all the other Counties of Tennessee have been carved." Tennessee was admitted as a State in 1796.

I gather from your letter that you do not know the parents of Thomas Kennedy - whether he is a son of Daniel, the County Court Clerk of Green Co., in 1800.

I sincerely hope I have given you a lead and that you may be able to trace your records.

Yours very truly



Reference: DAR-73

Greene Co. Marriages

Call No. : F 83-002

John Kennedy

Dan Rawkins - Mary K.



### KENNEDY

D.A.R. Magazine, Vol. 68 p. 489 (year 1934)

Under item 15233:--

- (a) Kennedy. wanted parentage and all dates of DANIEL KENNEDY and his wife Margaret -
- (b) HUGHES McCOY wanted ancestors, parentage and all possible information of Moses Hughes and Mary McCoy who were married in Tenn. 1790. -

R.H.B.



Gertrude S. Carraway, Editor DAR Magazine Administration Building 1776 D. Street N.W. Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Miss CarrawayL

This refers to page 489, Vol. 68, Year 1934, DAUGHTERS AMERICAN REVOLUTION MAGAZINE.

Under item 15233 - (a) KENNEDY. Wanted parentage and all dates of Daniel Kennedy and his wife Margaret - - - - -

I shall be pleased to have the address of person placing this inquiry. Kindly use air mail stamp provided with this inquiry.

Very sincerely yours,

Joseph C. Wolf, Custodian



Reference: J. E. Alexander & C. H. Mather

Title: Historical Sketch of Wash. Coll. Tenn.

Grigsby Hugh Blair

Jomders inf. Wash.

Cohys (?) (Va.) Washington Co. Lee

Historical papers 1890 II



# Kennedy

### Tennessee

Early Settlers Vol. 82: 652
Marriage Records 69: 435

Greene County Marriage Records

Vol. 63: 374
69: 769
73: 1 - 67
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4 - 85
5 - 90
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Greene County Tax List

Vol. 53: 196

Vol. 80: 650
Vol. 81: 11

Vol. 21: 253 Vol. 46:99 61: 276.867 Kennedy 35: 1266 62:585 47:395 36:349 48:203 64:445 68:487.489.625 37: 69.349 56:628 39:22 57:313 58:54 44:82 83:336 59:764 45:239



## KENNEDY

1. Tennesse Records, by J. T. Acklin, Nashville (1933)
2 Volumes (Negative)

2. Tennesse Genealogical Records, by E. R. Whitley, Nashville,
Tenn. (1932-1936) (Negative)



# DANIEL KENNEDY

Samuel Cole Williams. "History of the Lost State of Franklin" Johnson City,
Tennessee - 1924 F882.973

Sketch.

See also pp. 29,38,40,42,57,136, 59,64,150,156,190 193,201,208,211.

pp. 299

Above Daniel Kennedy, grave there was recently (about 1920) erected a monument - a large native rock embedded in which is a bronze tablet bearing the following inscription:

To the memory of

Col. Daniel Kennedy 1750-1802
Soldier. Patriot. Statesman.
Revolutionary Soldier. Pioneer of
Tennessee, First Clerk of Court Greene
County. Served under four Formes of
Government 1783-1802
Supported State of Franklin
Made Peace with Indians. Trustee

Greeneville and Washington Colleges

Erected by Desandants

1920

(buried at Mount Zion Church, six miles from Greeneville.)
(1783)

Daniel Kennedy was an incorporator of -Martin Academy (Washington College) Tenn. and a trustee of -Greeneville College, Tenn.

Jeannette Tillotson Acklen "Tennessee Records" Nashville - 1933 -

pg. 244: - Kennedy burials in the Churchyard of Zion Church, Mount Pleasant, Tenn.

Robt. Willis K. Jan. 12, 1829

Sept. 23, 1841

Ann M. K. dau. of Wm. E. and E.O.K. Sept. 23, 1831

Dec. 20, 1834

Elizabeth O. K. Dec. 9, 1805 Oct. 7. 1841 Francis Henry K.

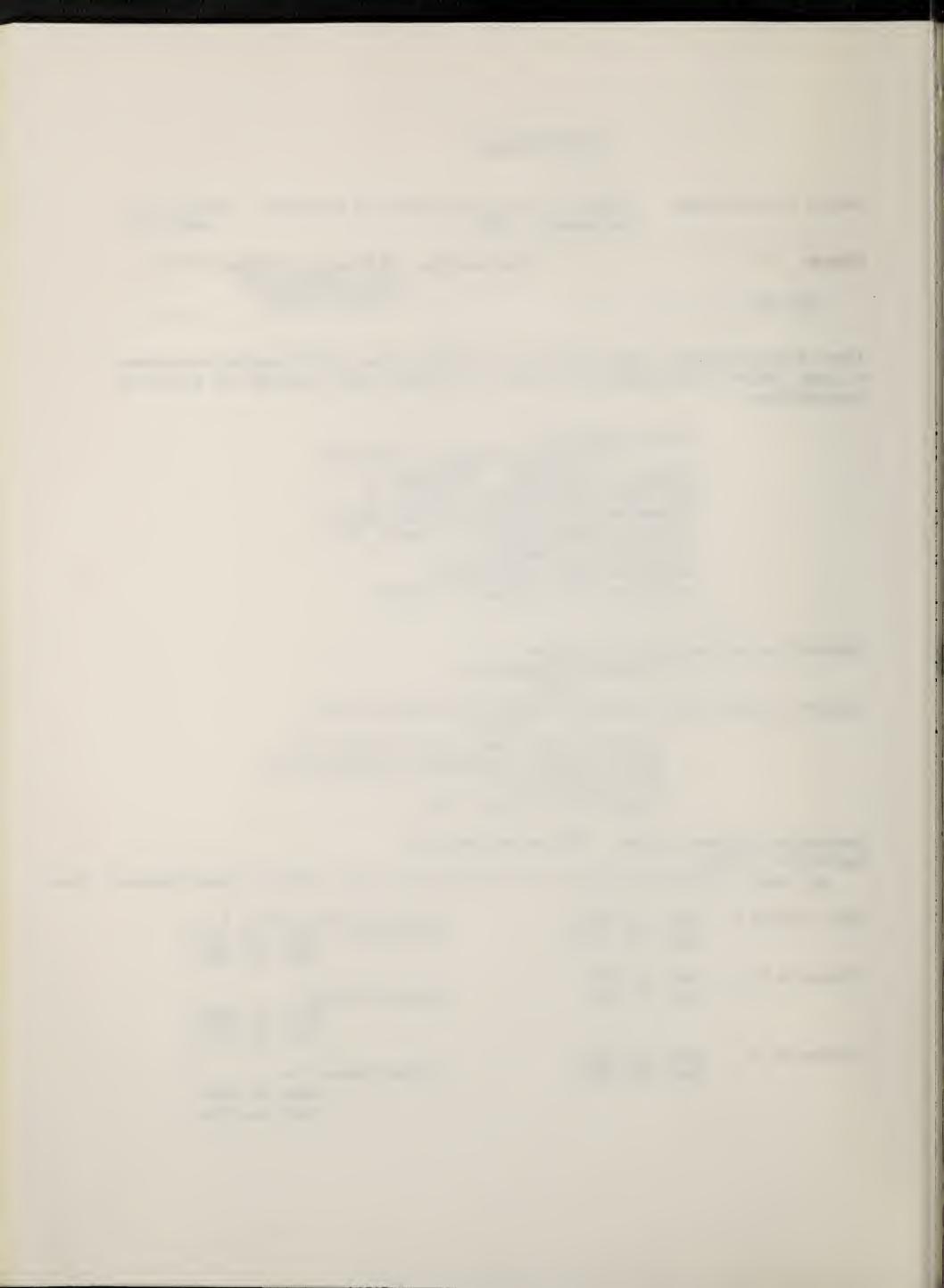
Oct. 7, 1841 Francis Henry K.

Mar. 13, 1834

Feb. 27, 1837

William E. K. Apr. 18, 1794
Dec. 17. 1863
Junius Dawson K.

Aug. 6, 1838 June 12, 1840



Reference: The Newberry Library

Call No.: F882.973 Author: Williams

Title: History of Lost State of Franklin

P. 299 - David Kennedy b. Virginia about 1750 - Prv. in Capt. Evan Shelby-Durnmores War.

July 1777 settled Milburnton - Washington Co. now Greene Co. served as juror in court 1770 - moved to land Camp Creek - south of Greenville at Battle of Kings Mountain. Capt. - on bench of Washington Co. 1781 and in N.C. Gen. Assembly in 1783 at founding of Greene Co. was elected Clerk of Court for life - was Brig. Gen State of Franklin, was in 1783 incorborator of



Via Registered Mail

Miss Penelope L. Griffis Hotel Patten Chattanooga, Tennessee

Re: Kennedy

Dear Miss Griffis:

I am interested in the above line. My genealogist in Washington, informs me that an inspection of the D.A.R. membership lists indicates that you entered in on the service of Colonel Daniel Kennedy.

I am a descendent of Thomas Kennedy who lived in the same county and apparently was assistant clerk to Daniel when he was clerk of Greene County, Tennessee.

A Thomas Kennedy married a Ester Penny, and the same man, or another of the same name, 2 or 3 years later, married Grizelle Gillis. I am a descendent of Thomas Kennedy and Griselle Gillis.

I am interested in any information you might have which would indicate a connection between Daniel Kennedy and these individuals.

If you are interested in genealogical research perhaps I can be of assistance to you in this, or some others in that vicinity.

Yours very truly,

M. Drexel Rutherford

MDR:MB



## List of Enclosures

- 1. History of Tennessee Edition by Goodspeed
- Copies of Court Records from Clerk's Office, Greeneville, Greene Co., Tenn. Green Co. Court Records: marriages and deeds.
- 3. Sketch of Daniel Kennedy from clippings in Scrap Book No.2.
- 4. Newspaper Clippings re. Kennedy also in Scrapbook No.2
- 5. Reference to Kennedy in Greene Co 1779
- 6. Franklin Co. 1820 Census
- 7. Kennedy Miscellaneous
- 8. Kennedy Gillis
- 9. Permission to retain slaves allowed Kennedy's & Wm. Rutherford
- 10. Kennedy-Gillis, Green Co., Sept. 29, 1947
- 11. Thos. Kennedy bought 201-3/4 acre farm in 1818 from Wm. Polk of Wake Co., N.C.
- 12. From Tennessee Records Tombstone Inscriptions, etc.
- 13. Court Records pertaining to Kennedy-Gillis
- 14. Kennedy-Gillis by Smith

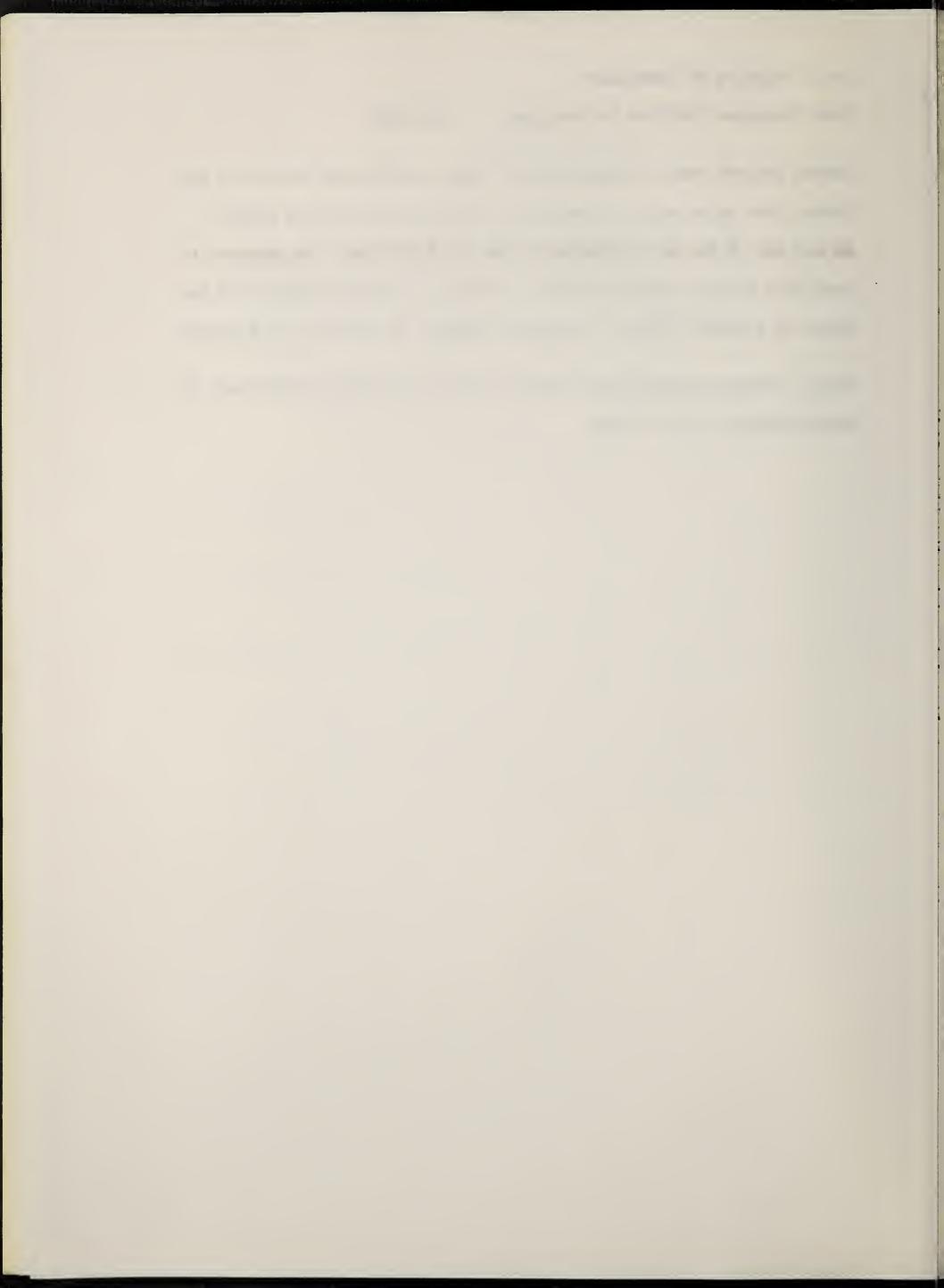


See - "History of Tennessee"

East Tennessee Edition by Goodspeed Page 881

Daniel Kennedy came to Greene County, Tenn. in 1779 and located on the river, four miles east of Greenville, at the mouth of Holly Creek. He was one of the most prominent pioneers of the State and deserves to rank with Sevier, Shelby and Cocke. He was an ardent supporter of the State of Franklin and was a Brigadier General of the State of Franklin.

Note - Greene and Washington Counties were at one time in the State of North Carolina - H. K. Cwen.



KENNEDY GENEALOGY by Mabel Byron McClure of Enid, Oklahoma

Obtained from Hattie King Owen

DANIEL KENNEDY I Prisoner of War, King's rebel was banished from Scotland and came to America on the S. S. "Friendship" October 1716, ship sailed from Belfast, Ireland and landed in Baltimore, Maryland. His wife's name was Mary Blair only name of one son DANIEL II known.



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DANIEL KENNEDY II Wife's name was Mary Allen: children names are

- 1. William
- 2. Mary
- 3. Thomas
- 4. John
- 5. Daniel III

His will was filed in Virginia in 1751 and probated on March 8, 1758 Winchester, Virginia.

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DANIEL KENNEDY III born in North Carolina in 1750, later moved to Greeneville, Tennesse where he operated an iron foundry.

Was a hero in the Revolutionary War, serving with Col. John Seveir and was a hero at King's Mountain.

Died in 1808 without a will in Greene County Tennesse of blood poison from an injury to one of his hands at the foundry.

He married his cousin MARGARET KENNEDY HUGHES in 1774. She died in Rhea County, Tennessee, in 1816 and her will was probated in 1817 and gives names of their eleven children as follows:

1. JOHN KENNEDY was born October 29, 1775, married PATIENCE DAVIS
October, 1795.

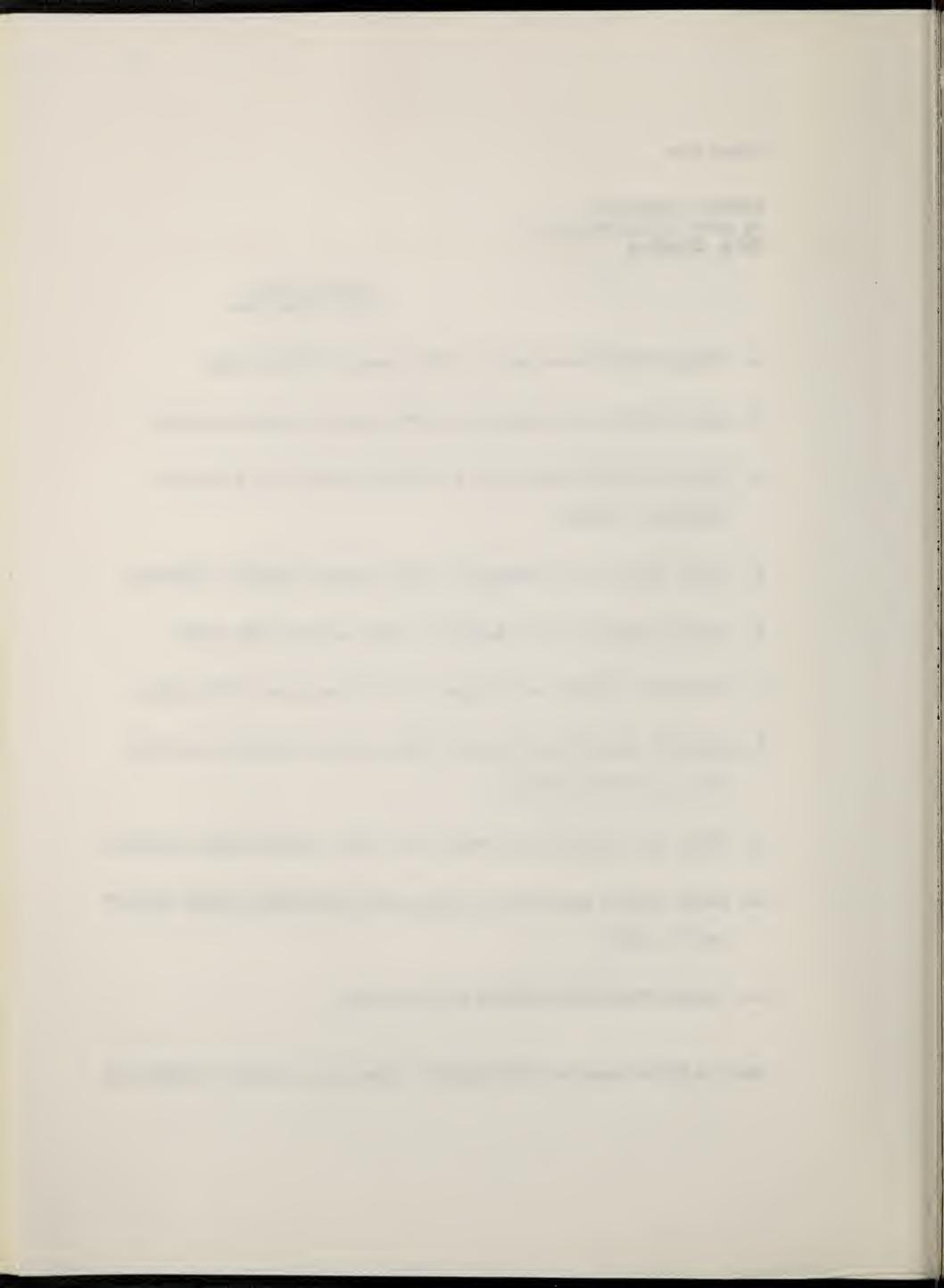
Their son, JAMES KENNEDY born 1801, he married CHRISTIANA HUGHES October 1823. Their daughter MARGARET ALLEN born in Tennessee in 1830. She married ELIAS NAIL in Indiana, January 29, 1860. She married ROBERT H. BRADLEY June 29, 1903, now living in Indianapolis, Indiana and Miami Florida.

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- 2. THOMAS KENNEDY born May 13, 1778, married ESTHER PENNY.
- 3. MARY KENNEDY born December 22, 1779, married DANIEL RAWLINGS.
- 4. WILLIAM KENNEDY born April 1, 1871 (an error H.K.O) married ELIZABETH PURCELL.
- 5. SARAH KENNEDY born February 7, 1783, married STEPHEN ALEXANDER.
- 6. DANIEL KENNEDY IV born August 2, 1785, married ANNA ALLEN.
- 7. ELIZABETH KENNEDY, born August 21, 1790, married JAMES BAILEY.
- 8. MARGARET KENNEDY born May 10, 1793, married JOHN EWING McCLURE
  1811 (see McClure Clan) -
- 9. POLLY ANN KENNEDY born November 20, 1795, married RESIN RAWLINGS.
- 10. ALLEN KENNEDY born May 27, 1798, married MARGARET PEOPLES HACKETT May 26, 1818.
- 11. GEORGE WASHINGTON KENNEDY did not marry.

This is Bible Record of JOHN KENNEDY oldest son of DANIEL KENNEDY TIT



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DANIEL KENNEY's will in Winchester Frederick County Colony of Virginia - - Sick and Weak in body
Wife MARY -

Sons WILLIAM, THOMAS, DANIEL and JOHN -

Daughter - MARY KENNEDY

Executors - Wife MARY and Samuel Coenal

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written (April 4, 1751)

Signed

DANIEL KENNEDY II

Seal

Witness Patt Allen - John Snodgrass
Thomas London

This is taken from Will Book No. 2, page 276.

Note - Back Creek is now in Berkely Co., W. Va.

Abstract of two Wills found in Martinsburg, Berkely Co., formed 1772 from Frederick County, Virginia.

Will Book No. 3, p. 197.

Thomas Kennedy of Berkley Co W Va being weak in body (perhaps an old man etc - makes his will and mentions

"To Brother, Col. DANIEL KENNEDY now being in the State of Tennessee -

"To my half-sisters MARGARET RAWLINGS and ELIZABETH WILSON "To EDWARD KENNEDY son of ROBERT KENNEDY of this County appointed ROBERT KENNEDY Exe Will was dated 2nd of September 1798.

Inventory taken Feb 2, 1799

Witnesses - Thomas Robinson Jonathan Throther ? JOHN KENNEDY
See "Will Book No 6, page 128

"SAMUEL KENEDY of Berkeley Co. Va. mentions wife ELIZABETH.

To son JOHN KENNEDY he gives the plantation on Tomhawk Run

Son JOHN to pay to my two grand sons SAMUEL KENNEDY and DANIEL

KENNEDY so much

Son THOMAS

Daughters - JAN?MURPHY, NANCY KENEDY he does not mention the relationship and appoints son JOHN and WILLIAM MURPHY execs.

(Signed) "SAMUKL KENEDY"

Dated 25 day of Aug. 1813
Will proved March 1815

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Va. in the Revolution - Dan. Kennedy, Lt. of Frederick Co. Militia, mentioned in a War Department ------ 4-25-1778

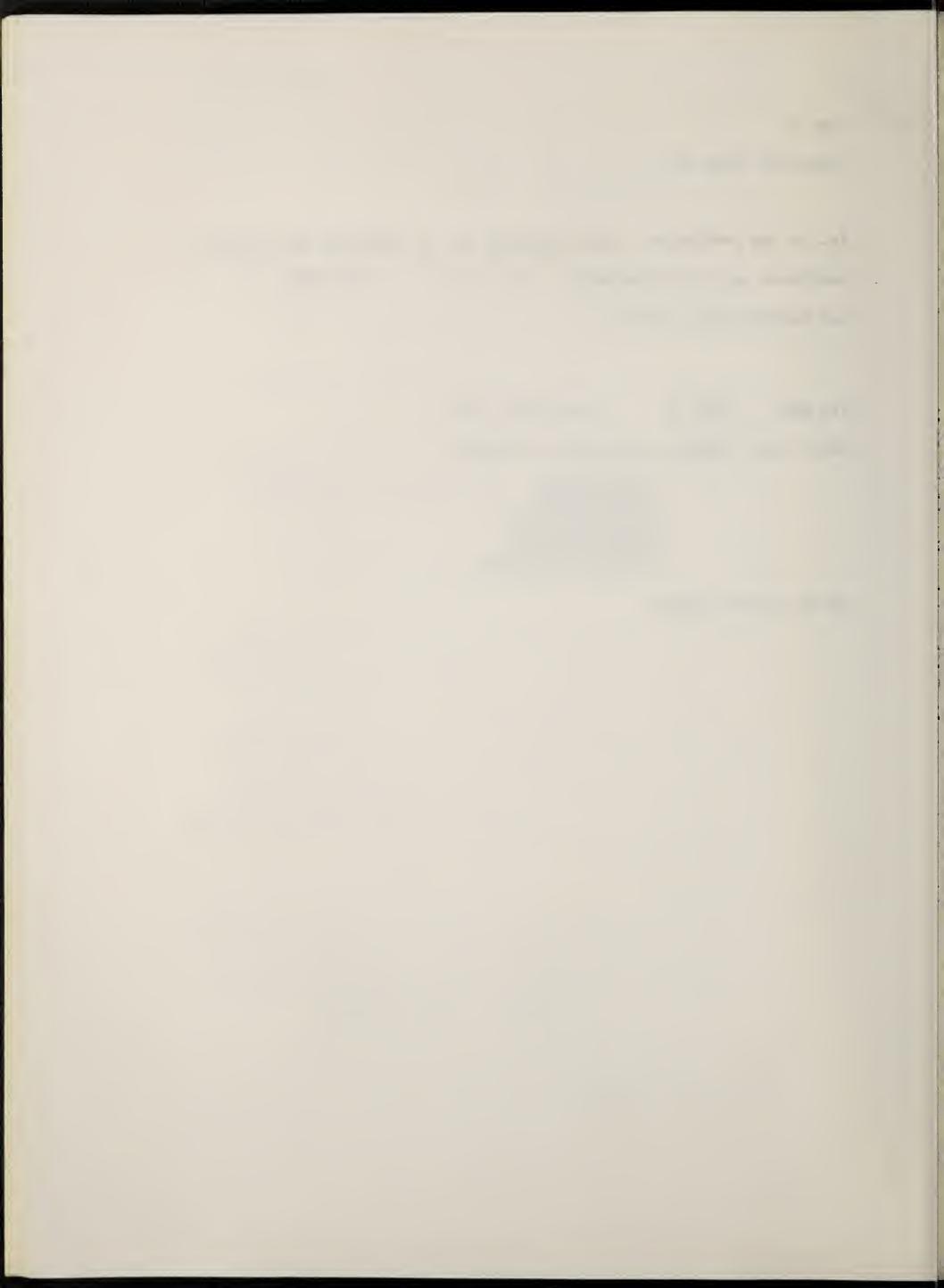
Dan Kennedy, Sgt. 3-C.L.

Va. Mag. Vol. 12 - page 419-20, 1774

Otter Pres. Church, Bedford Co., Virginia

John Kennedy James Kennedy William Kennedy Thomas Kennedy William Rutherford

to be allowed slaves.



Pension List (514) P 136 List of Pensioners U. S. 1835

REFERENCE

DAVID KENNEDY

Ganard Co. Kentucky, Va. Co. Line Prv. 1833 67



REFERENCE

THOMAS KENNEDY

Ganard Co. Ky. N. Car. Line Capt. 1832



REFERENCE

JOS. KENNEDY

Boone Co. Ky. Va. Line



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REFERENCE

THOMAS KENNERLY

Franklin Co. Tenn. Va. Mill

1833



REFERENCE

JAMES KENNEDY

Wilson County, Tenn. Va. Line

1818 - 12 1830



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REFERENCE

JOHN KENNEDY

Davidson County, Tenn. Va. Line 1819 82



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REFERENCE

JOSEPH KENNEDY

Madison Co. Kentucky, Va. Line, Ensign



Mr. M. D. Muther 10602 Chicago Lence & Equipment Co Chilougo dell-

Defetember 9, 1950

Dear Dir: - Thank gave fit zaver Eller of ciptés.

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Miss Hattie King Owen, 237 Solar Hill, Bristol, Va.

Doar Miss Owens

Just returned and find your letter of Jan. 11th.

With reference to your charges, I think that it is perfectly alright if you charge me on an hourly basis for any time you put in, as no genealogist can guarantee results.

I am leaving town again, and have not had time to thoroughly analyze what you have sent me, but it would seem to me, that for the chart to apply to my line, Robert Rutherford = 1775, (Mary Sevier) would have had to have a brother or other relative named Archibald Rutherford, (Burges) who had to have a Son, Archibald, but none is shown. However, a check in Colonial lines might unearth something.

There were Rutherfords in Greene County, before part of it was subdivided into Cocks County.

I assume the Colonial records to which you refer, would probably be records of various patriotic Societies, with whom you are familiar in your genealogy work, and which might show that the line of descent to Greene County, would eventually include our line. It looks like a good bet.

Enclosed is all information, which I have on Daniel Kennedy, Thomas Kennedy, etc., and from these records, it would seem as though Daniel had Sons, including Thomas, as the seems to be very close connection, as he is executor of his will.

If you can think of any way in which we can investigate further, with any chance of success, let me know.

Yours very truly,

M. D. Rutherford/h

October 24, 1951

Miss Hattie King Owen 237 Solar Hill Bristo, Virginia

Re: Kennedy

Dear Miss Owen:

It looks as though we have got a little on the Kennedy's but I believe it will require some additional investigation before I could use it with the C. A. R. I have found that they and the D.A.R. have become very particular, demanding certified and notarized copies of records where photostats are not available, or they demand more proof of lineage. They were somewhat careless a number of years ago and are apparently trying to make up for it.

I do not remember all of the paper I sent you on Kennedy, it has been so long ago, but if I sent you the records that I believe I did, they will indicate that Daniel Kennedy, clerk of the court at Greenville, Tennessee and Revolutionary war hero, had as his assistants, 2 other Kennedys. One of them, Thomas, is our man, I believe. This would however, have to be proven, if possible. Also, whether he was a son, brother or nephew of Daniel.

I would like to have you check and see if you can find anything to substantiate your theory that the Thomas Kennedy who married Esther Penny is our Thomas who married Geizell Gillis.

Referring to the bible records which the author of the book had, I wonder if it would be possible to contact her and if we decide we have the right Kennedy, photostat the original records in that bible. I would like very much to connect with Daniel, and the information in the book as to his lineage is very interesting if it can be proven reasonably well. One question would be, why was Daniel, the 3rd, born in North Carolina, when the Daniel of Virginia whose will was probated in '58 was in Winchester, Virginia at that time. I know that the records of the Revolutionary war Daniel indicate that his decendants believe he was born in 1900, but North Carolina was quite a distance from Winchester, Virginia. Of course being able to trace back to that Paniel would be gilding the lily as it were, for what I am after is the Revolutionary war connection.

Within a few days I shall send you a check for \$10.00.

With reference to your Rutherford files, I have not had an opportunity to read these carefully, but I do not see anything

Market 1.



I have almost become confident that any information I get on the Rutherfords will be from private sources as I have had so many geneologists search records that I have lost hope.

Yours very truly,

M. D. Rutherford

MOR : MR



November 13, 1951 Miss Hattie King Owen 237 Solar Hill Bristol, Virginia Re: Kennedy Dear Miss Owen: Following up the information you gave me on the above I wrote to the County Court Clerk, Rhea County, Tennessee, regarding Margaret Kennedy wife of Col. Daniel Kennedy and received the following answer. \*I received your letter several days ago in which you make inquiry as to the estate of Margaret Kennedy, deceased. "I have made a search of the records covering that period which includes Will Books, Minutes of the Court and Administrator's & Executors Settlements. So far I have found no record of a will made by Margaret Kennedy. The records kept during that period are somewhat incomplete, some of the books not being properly indexed, and it would be quite a job to leaf through them. "If you can give me anything more definite to check on I shall be glad to make further search." Do you have any definite information that might help Mr. Porter check this item, such as page number, etc.? Yours very truly, M. D. Rutherford MDR:MB

## Newspaper Clippings, also in Scrapbook No.2 - Lawson McGee Library

"I desire to know parentage of Col. Daniel Kennedy of Greene County, Tennessee, Born 1750, died 1802, buried in Zion Church Cemetery on Camp Creek, six miles east of Greeneville, personal friend of John Sevier. I especially wish to know names of father and mother and what state they came from. Family records give his marriage as about 1774, and wife's name as Margaret, with the following issue:

John Kennedy born in Virginia, October, 1775. Died August 19, 1845.

Thomas born in Virginia May 13, 1778 - Died July 1863.

Mary born December 22, 1779

William born in Tennessee April 1, 1781

Daniel Kennedy born August 2, 1784

Sarah born February 7, 1788

Elizabeth born May 10, 1793

Polly Ann born November 20, 1795

Allen born May 27, 1798

George W. born February 4, 1801

"Kith and Kin," refers to Col. Daniel Kennedy - I would like to know any information.

On same page "Answer:- This book says there were three brothers - Samuel, David and Hugh. Samuel's daughter married John David (Isley or Ilsey - name blurred) settled on Bullskin in Frederick Co, Va.

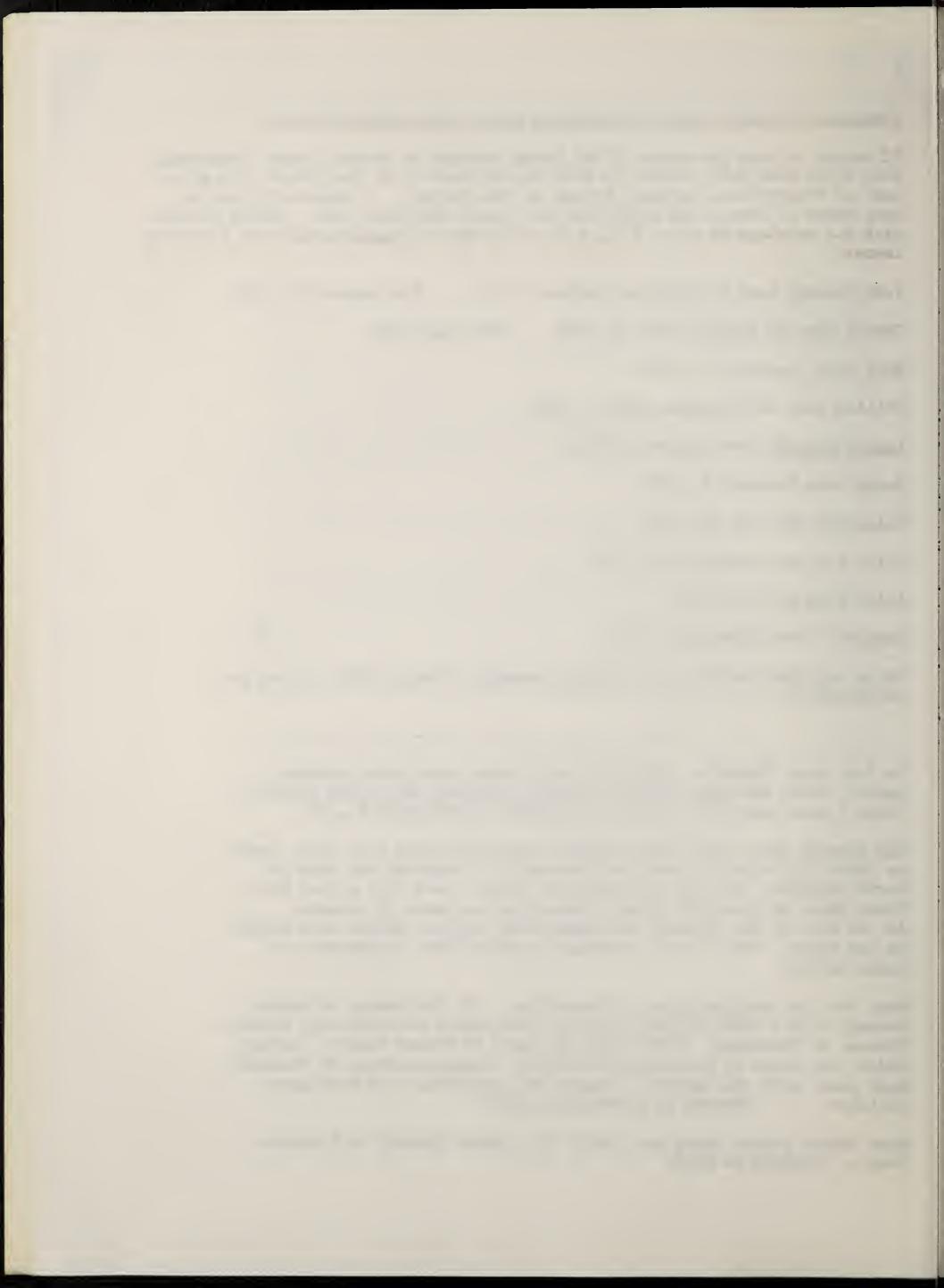
DAR Lineage Books give Colonel Daniel Kennedy's birth date 1774, death as 1800; 1783 clerk of court at Greeneville, Tennessee and born in North Carolina. His wife was Margaret Hughes, born 1752 - died 1800.

"Lost State of Franklin" gives a sketch but no names of parents.

At the sale of his property in Greeneville, his two Bibles were bought by his widow. Two of their daughters married James Stephenson and James Bailey.

Over the last resting place in Greenvälle: "To the Memory of Daniel Kennedy 1750 - 1802, Solider, Patriot, Statesman, Revolutionary Soldier, Pioneer of Tennessee. First Clerk of Court in Greene County. Served under four forms of Government 1783-1802. Supported State of Franklin; made peace with the Indians. Trustee of Greeneville and Washington Colleges. - Erected by Descendants 1920."

Same sketch states there was a will of a Daniel Kennedy in Frederick County, Virginia in 1758.



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Sketch of Daniel Kennedy from Clippings in Scrap Book No. 2.

McClung Room, Lauson McGee Library, Knoxville, Tenn. - Oct. 10, 1950

From B.K.N. of Union City, Tenn.

My ancestor was William Kennedy of Kentucky, came with Daniel Boone and was representative from his county. He had five children - Peter, Thomas, Robert and Daniel and Alfred, Peter's son James was my ancestor. I want to know who he married. Did either of these marry Elizabeth Hines? Which one married a Bledsoe? My father's name was William Bledsoe Kennedy. My mother was Sarah Frances Perry, whose father lived in Shelby County, Kentucky, February 19, 1928. William Kennedy had received land grants in Lincoln, Jefferson, and Fayette Counties, Kentucky. Land grants to Anthony, Aaron James, Moses, William, Joseph, Sr., and John Bledsoe in Counties of Bourton and Nelson 1782-1787.



Now as to the Gillis-Kennedy lines. I have found in the American Historical Magazine, which deals largely with Tenn. data, abstracts of the first data of Washington Co., Tenn., beginning around 1778; I paged through this data as there was no index but did not find special data of value to you, that is any too revealing; this data was in Vols. 5 and 6. In Vol. 6, p. 84, I found a Daniel Kennedy was one of three securities in the administration of the estate of John Lyle (involved 200,000 pounds) --- Aug. term, 1781; on page 87, mention of a Samuel Kenedy testifying in connection with a deed of land on Sinking Creek; there were other references to Daniel Kennedy -- he was seemingly a prominent man--called Esq. -- was a Justice of the Peace. Now I have also found in the State papers of N.C., a number of references to Daniel Kennedy--Vol.22, p.702 mentions him as Col. Daniel Kermedy, field officer for Greene Co., along with others-in Vol. 19, several references among which he is referred to as one of the three representatives from Washington Co., Tenn. to the N.C. assembly-this before 1800; in Vol. 24, he is mentioned as a trustee of Martin Academy in Washington Co., Tenn. So far I have been unable to learn from what N.C. co. he was, but one footnote reference did state that he was a native of N.C. and was in Washington Co., Tenn. as early as 1777; I shall see if I can learn anything further on him.



May 18, 1948 Mr. W. G. Smith Box 7319, Benj.Franklin B.O. Washington, D. C. My dear Mr. Smith: Re: Daniel Kennedy Just received a letter from one of my correspondents. Mrs. Ben Grisard of Winchester, Tenn., who gives me several references to look up - Samuel Cole William's HISTORY OF THE STATE OF FRANKLIN (covering years 1784 to 1788 about). I looked this book up in Newberry Library and the only information given which would be of benefit was a sketch of his life. He was born in Virginia 1750 and according to family records. was a private in Captain Evan Shelby's company - Dunmores War. This latter reference would indicate he really was born in the state of the state o Virginia so we may look for him there, probably in the counties behind the mountains. I also looked in White's "State of Franklin" and Preston's "Holson Valley" and found nothing. Mrs. Grisard refers to the book "Counties of Tennessee" where a reference is made to the early settlers among whom was a Daniel Kennedy who with others was interested in founding the Methodist Church named 'Ebenezer' located on the Nollichucky Perhaps this information will help us. River. Yours very truly, M. D. Rutherford MDR M This look of the

November 12, 1951

Mr. William Galbraith Smith Genealogical Research Box 7319 Benjamin Franklin P. O. Washington, D. C.

## Res Kennedy - Gillia - Rutherford

Dear Mr. Smith;

You will recall our files on the above. I am sending you all the information I have on this line up to now, sheets 1 to 10, and copy of the Census of 1820 of Franklin County, Tennessee. You will also find enclosed the Konnedy genealogy sheets 1 to 6, from the Lawson McGee Library, Knoxville, Tennessee.

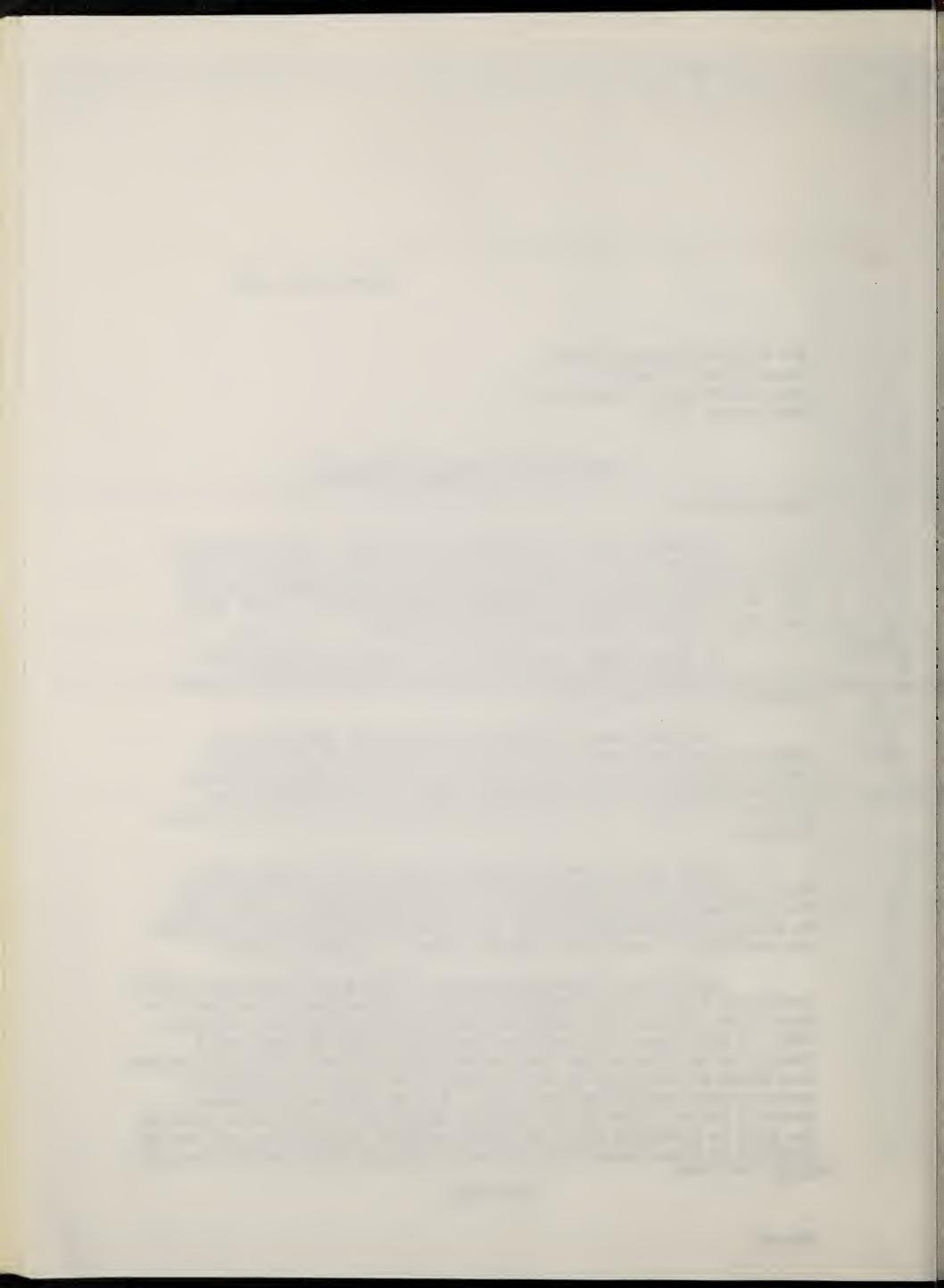
I suggest that you search in the National Archives for Col. Daniel Kennedy and see if they have any records as to him and especially as to his family.

You will note by studying the attached files that my Thomas Kennedy may have married first in March 1798 (see sheet 3 Kennedy genealogy) Ester Penny, and he, or another Thomas Kennedy, married Grizelle Gillis on April 26, 1800. I am trying to prove that the Thomas who married Grizelle Gillis was a son of Col. Daniel Kennedy.

Note that the other Kennedys, Thomas and William, were deputy clerks, and frequently acted for Col. Daniel, and that John is mentioned in 1774 in connection with other Kennedys, also a John is shown as an attorney in 1810, and Thomas and John in the same year are mentioned in connection with the estate of Daniel Kennedy.

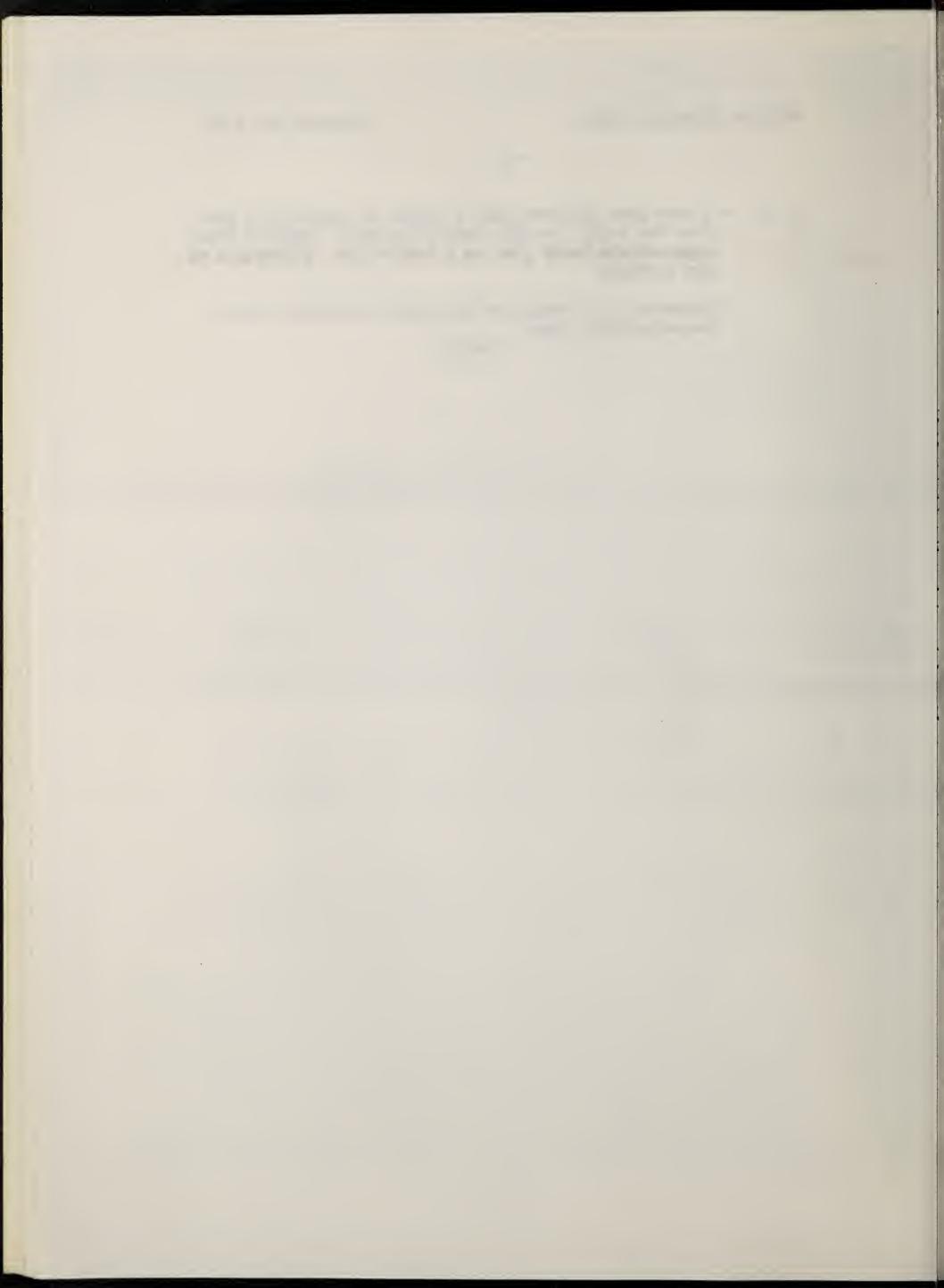
In trying to trace the career of John Adams Rutherford, Chief Justice of Lamar County, Texas, 1840-45, I ran across a reference to a book which I believe had Hemphill, Chief Justice, Republic of Texas, 1842. I don't seem to be able to locate this book in Texas and I thought it might be in the Congressional Library, and John Adams Rutherford might be mentioned in it, in view of the fact he was probably serving under Memphill at that time. I am in doubt as to whether Hemphill is the author of the book or whether he was the chief justice. The book is certainly about the chief justices of that time, and as the Refibble of Texas lasted only 10 years, there probably weren't too many chief justices.

Sincerely,



P. S. - I have been informed that a number of people have gone into the D.A.R. on Col. Daniel Kennedy. Possibly those applications would give us a lead on the information we are seeking.

Attached is a listing of the papers enclosed, on the Kennedy-Gillis line.
M.D.R.



## Papers Enclosed With Letter to William Galbraith Smith

- 1. Notes from Kennedy Genealogy: Daniel Kennedy I, Prisoner of War ....

  2. " Daniel Kennedy II, Wife's name was ...

  3. " Daniel Kennedy III, born in North Caro...

  4. " continuation of 3., listing the children...

  5. " Daniel Kennedy's will in Winchester Frederick County Colony of Virginia....

  6. " Abstract of two Wills found in Martins-burg, Berkely Co., formed 1772 Thomas Kennedy.
- 7. (Numbered 1) History of Tennessee, East Tennessee, by Goodspeed Page 881
  "Daniel Kennedy came to Greene County, Tenn. in 1779 and located on ..."
- 8. (Numbered 2) Copies of Court Records from the Clerk's Office Greeneville Greene County, Tennessee. Marriages. Page 102 Alexander Gillis To Margaret Kennedy - Dec. 4, 1799. Daniel Kennedy - clerk of Greene County Court....
- 9. (Numbered 3) Institute of American Genealogists T183W D.A.R. Magazine December 1935, Dan Kennedy, Glerk. Re 1796, Oct. 14 Thos. Kennedy Hugh Cunningham marriage. ..... 1798 Mar 27 Thomas Kennedy to Ester Penny .....
- 10. (numbered 4) Newspaper Clippings, also in Scrapbook No. 2. Lawson McGee Library. "I desire to know parentage of Col. Daniel Kennedy of Green..."
- 11. (numbered 5) G. Wathney Page 440. Va in the Revolution Dan. Kennedy, Lt. of Frederick Co. Willitia mentioned in a War Department
- 12. (Numbered 6) Greene September 29, 1947. From D.A.R. Magazine, Vol. LIII....
- 13. (Numbered 7) G I L L I S Received from Mrs. Jos. Greene. In the Tennesee records, I have found....
- 14. (Numbered 8) Jefferson County 6/11/1792 No reference to Rutherford .....
  Lists below John Kennedy Attorney Mar. 7, 1810 ....
- 15. (Numbered 9) Kennedy-Gillis. From "National Historial Magazine published by National Society, Daughter of the American Revolution .....
- 16. (Numbered 10) 1820 Census.
- 17. (Numbered 11) see "Virginia Magasine of History and Biography Vol. XLVII No.2. April 1939 page 159 ..... (This re Montgomery Couty's Revolutionary Heritage" and shows Thomas Gallis, John Gillis and William Rutherford in Capt Mayes command.)



## THOMAS KENNEDY

Daughter, Jane, married John A. Rutherford in Franklin
County, Tennessee about 1826. Her father and mother,
Thomas Kennedy and Grizzell Gillis, were married in Greene
County, Tennessee in 1802, as I recall. Another Kennedy
was witness at the wedding or signed some papers or
something, Daniel Kennedy, who was quite a famous character
and clerk of the court at that time. I am trying to
gather up information to find out if Daniel is a member
of my Kennedy family or if any of the records would indicate
where he came from in Virginia and trace back and see if we can
find anything about Thomas through him.
That is where I stand at present on Kennedy.



Thomas Kennedy Farm 201-3/4 acres - bought from Wm. Polk in 1818, of Wake County, North Carolina. Was part of track 2,246 acres granted to Matt Algrove.

List of U.S.Pensioners - 1835

North Carolina - Page 122

William Polk - Major - \$600.00 per annum, total \$1,566.44 South Carolina Placed on Pension roll April 24, 1833, commencing of pension March 4, 1831, age 76. Died January 14, 1834.

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Page 54 Vol.11 History of North Carolina

Col. Wm. Polk at Battle of Brandywine with Lafayette in North Carolina February 28, 1825. Died 1834.

Vol. 2 Page 162

Wm Polk son of Ezeikial of Charlotte and Raleigh.



November 12, 1952 Mrs. Edythe Rucker Whitley 2710 Belmont Blvd. Nashville 4, Tenn. Subject : John Gills of Amelia County Is mentioned in trust deed in the Valentine Papers. A John Gills presumably was the father of Grezelle Gills, who married a Kennedy and a Kennedy married a Rutherford, so if there is anything you can tell me about the Gills, I would appreciate it. They were in Green County, Tenn., amd were closely associated with Daniel Kennedy, famous in the Revolution, who was also Brigadier General of the law State of Franklin. Hope you can dig up something on this. M.D. Rutherford

MDR/mn

ST. FR.

See "Virginia Magazine of History and Biograph Vol. XIVII No. 2 April 1939 page 159.

"Montgomery County's Revolutionary Heritage".

THOMAS GALLIS p. 152 -

JOHN GILLIS in Capt. Mayes Command

WILLIAM RUTHERFORD - same list -

See - Summers Anuals of S.W. Va., Page 341

"Thomas Gillis, Ensign in Captain Wood's Company Botetourt Co., Va."

See - Chalkley's Records of August Co., Val. Vol III page 328.

Oct. 9, 1798

JOHN PAGE and

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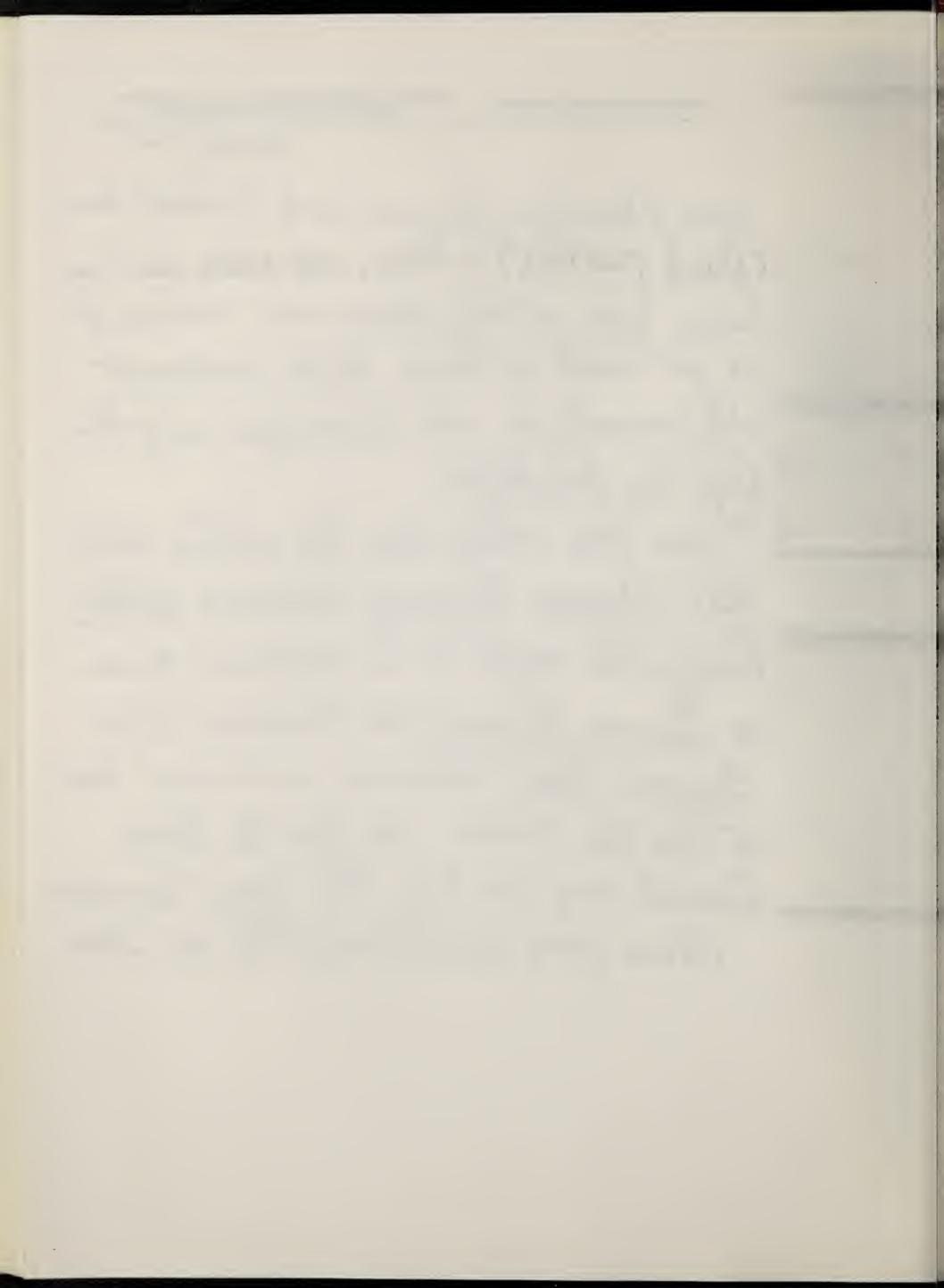
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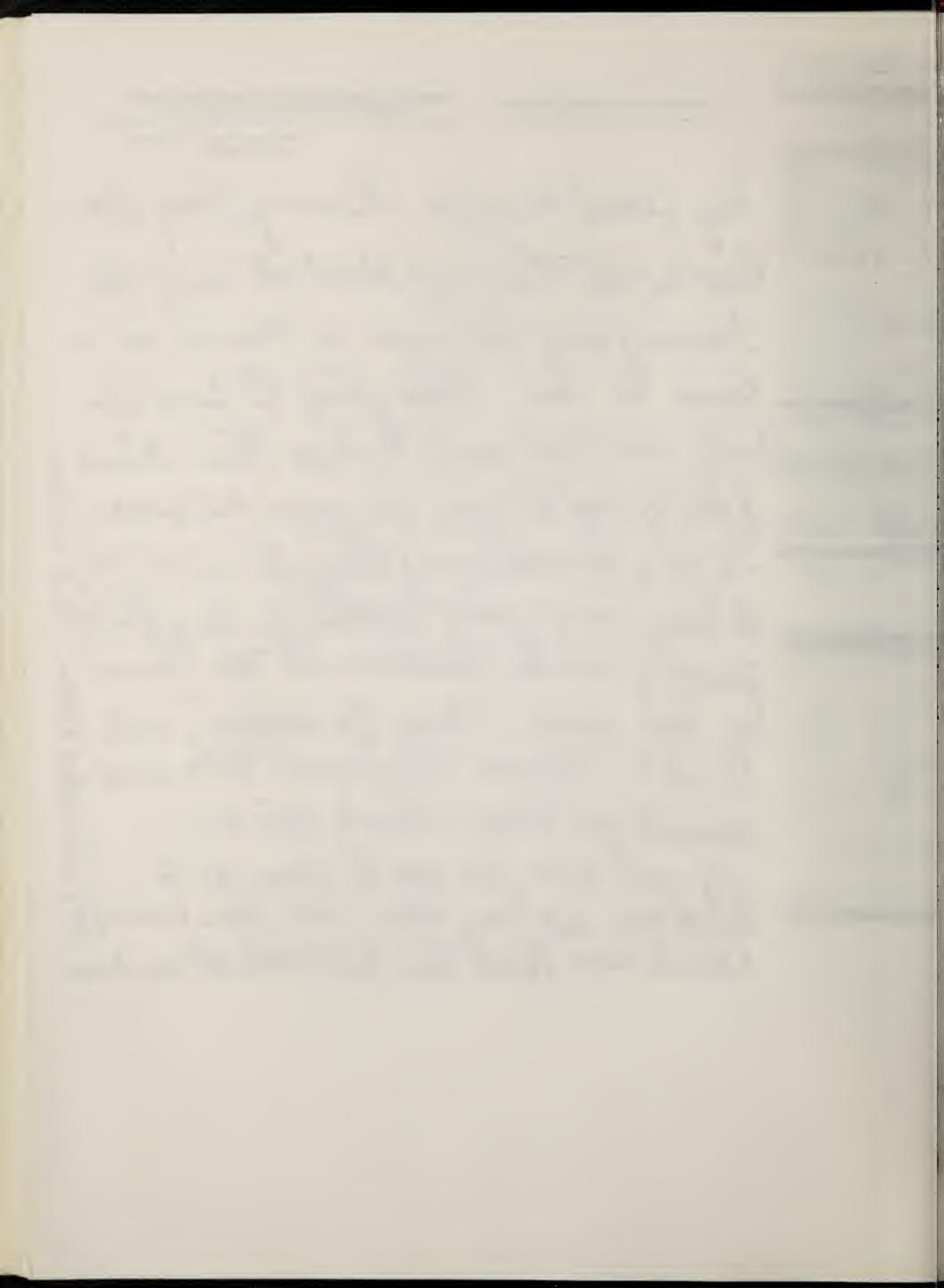
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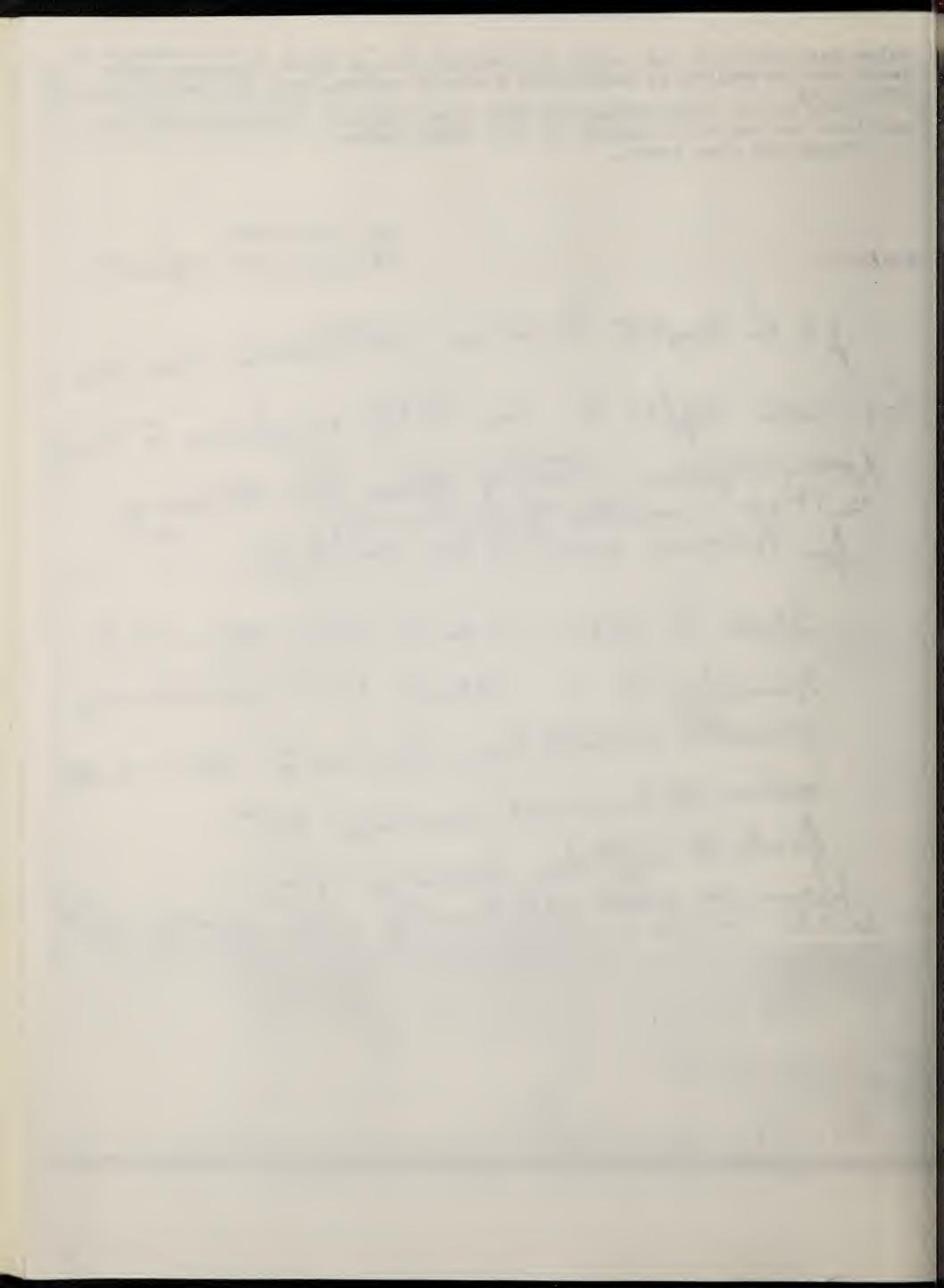
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solve Was Grizzelle G.K. still in Franklin Co., in 1850? If so, we could learn her birthplace at least -- the state, of course. I see you believe she was This is all I can report at this time. I am not including a bill for services now but will include it in a later report. Thank you once again. Very truly yours,
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April 24, 1947



Mr. W. G. Smith 1311 Columbia Rd., N.W. Washington 9, D. C.

Dear Mr. Smith:

# Re: THOMAS KENNEDY, SR.

The above born November 10, 1767, died 1832, was the father of my great-grandmother, Jane Kennedy.

Other children were Nancy and George who at time Kennedy's will was made in 1832 were under age - in addition there were three other sons, John, Thomas and William. Also, there were two other daughters, Jane and Elisa.

His wife was Grissell Gillis (as spelled in the will) who was born December 10, 1775.

The will was excepted in Franklin County, Tem-

The records indicate that both Thomas and his wife were born in Kentucky.

I would like to have you check whatever records you think would be likely to produce results and advise me.

Yours very truly,

DRIN

M. D. Rutherford



### Kennedy - Gillis

I ran across a notation that a Robert Gillis of Cross Creek, Surry County mentioned in Cal. Records of N.C., Page 643, Vol. 10. Suggest you check Washington County, Tenn. before 1783 as after that date Greene County was formed and we may find something.

Also note that in the marriage record of Thomas Kennedy and Grizzel Gillis in 1800, Greene County, Daniel Kennedy was Clerk of the Court and I understand he was a prominent general or other high officer.

Also note that another Kennedy was a witness to the wedding.

Seems as though this would indicate a group of Kennedys were in this locality. If we can find out where a prominent person like Daniel Kennedy came from we might find that the others were his relatives and search at their previous place of residence. Probably N.C.



Copies of Court Records from the Clerk's Office - Greeneville, Greene County,
Tennessee.

Mr. Paul Ford Clerk

## - Marriages -

Page 102 "Alexander Gillis to Margaret Kennedy - Dec. 4, 1799

Daniel Kennedy - clerk of Greene County Court."

This was from the State of Franklin records.

Page 107 Thomas Kennedy to Grizey Gillis - April 26, 1800 William Kennedy

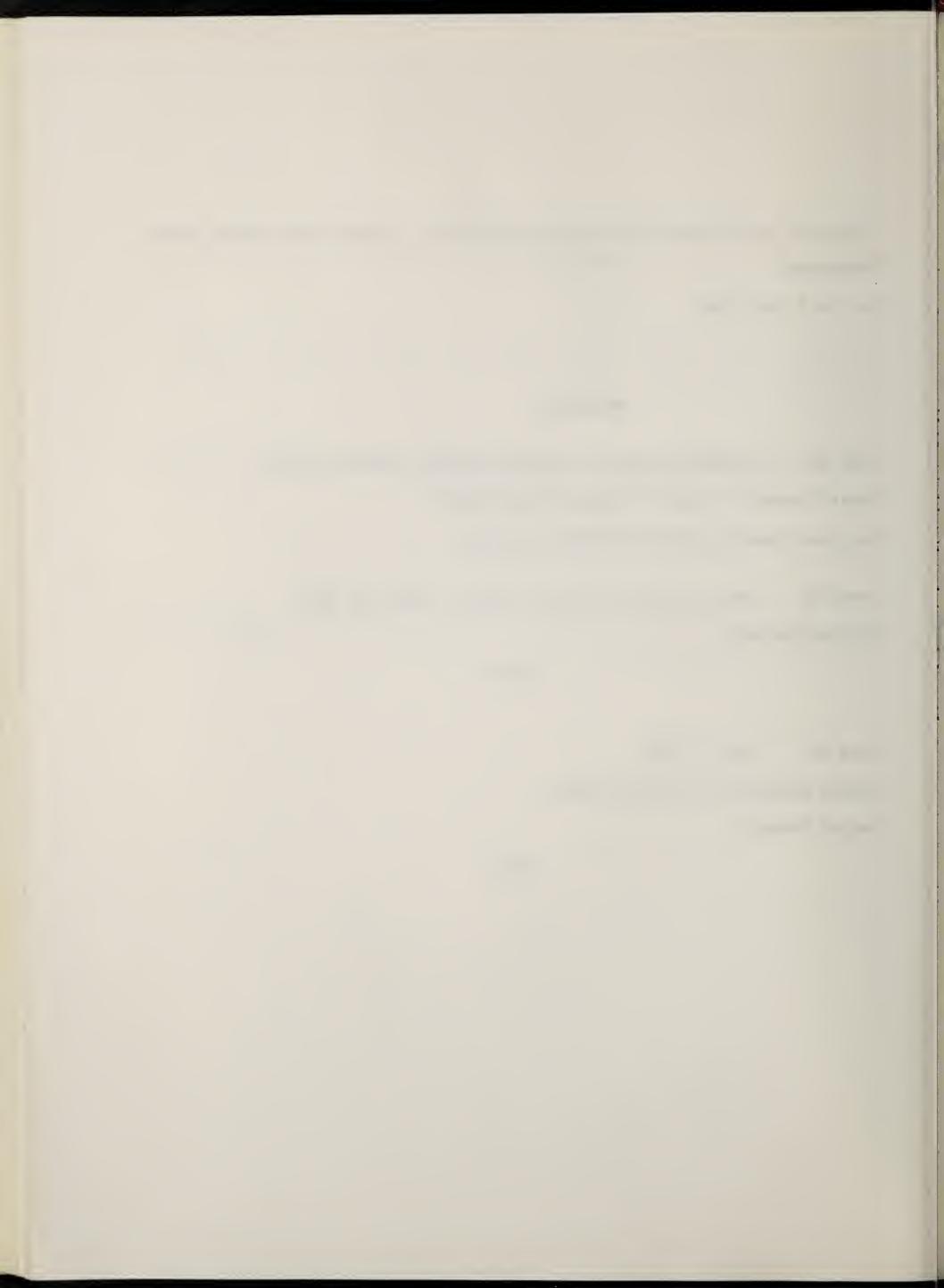
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Page 110 Aug. 7, 1800

George Campbell to Margaret Gillis

Daniel Kennedy

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D. A. R.	Magazine - December	1935
	Dan Kennedy, Clerk	

- P. 11 1796 October 14
  Thos. Kennedy witness, Hugh Cunningham marriage
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- P. 15 1798 Mar. 27 Thomas Kennedy to Ester Penny (security John Kennedy and Robt. McFarland)
- P. 17 1798 Sept. 7 Dec. 13 Wm. Kennedy, Clerk
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William Kennedy continues as clerk up to

P. 22, 1800 - Apr. 26 - when Thos. Kennedy married Grizey Gilles with W. K. Rawlins and John Kennedy, Jr. as security and Wm. Kennedy is Clerk.

Dan Kennedy is clerk through Dec. 1800 also Wm. Kennedy as Clerk, John as security, but Thomas is not listed after his marriage.



Jefferson County 6/11/1792 - No reference to Rutherford.

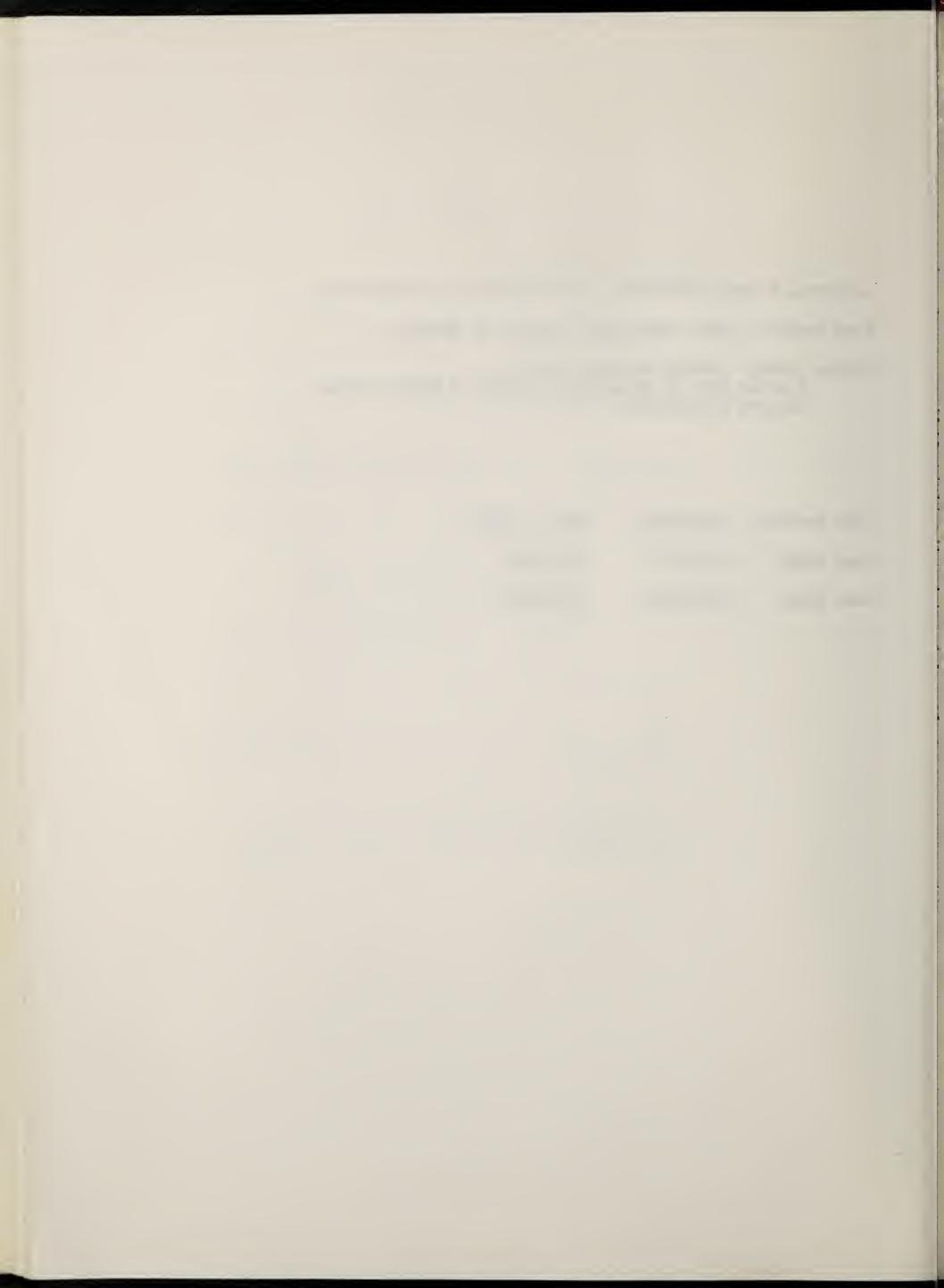
Knox County - taken same time - nothing on Hawkins.

Greene County - Daniel Kennedy - 1779 -4 miles east of Greenville - mouth of Holley Creek, Sinking Creek near.

John Kennedy - Attorney - Mar. 7, 1810

Jos. Brown - Justice - 1818-1820

Geo. Brown - Registrar- 1806-1836



(Check all records, they might indicate where they came from before Franklin Co.)

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1833 List of Pensioners.

There are so many Kennedy Rev. War records that it is going to be hard to find out about Thomas and parents — the name is often found spelled Canady, and otherwise. Since you noted that Jane K. was be in 1802 in Ky., I tried Madison Co., Ky. for 1810 but could not find any Thomas Kennedy listed therein. However, I shall continue to try for data on this line. The D.A.R. Library here has fine records for Tenn. for a number of counties, mostly copied from the original by Tenn. members; I found the will of T.K. to which you referred.

The charge for services, including work mentioned in my letter of May 1st for which I did not charge then, will be \$15.50. I would appreciate your sending me your check at your earliest convenience. I would also be glad to read your comments and suggestions after you have gone over the contents of this letter. Thank you again.

Very truly yours,

William G. Smith

WGS/S

(6-15-47)



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#### WILLIAM GALBRAITH SMITH

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

BOX 7319 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN P. O. WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dec.2,1951.

Mr. M.D. Rutherford. Chicago Fence & Equipment Co., Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Rutherford:

Thank you for your recent letter and the data

enclosed.

I have been working on this to some extent. I examined one paper on Daniel Kennedy at the D.A.R., an inactive member's paper; this showed a list of children including the Thomas who m. Esther Penny but nothing to indicate if he was the one who m. Grizelle Gillis. Here are the names of two others, active, whose papers I could not see, without written permission. Perhaps you could write direct and ask them if they have any pertinent data:

Miss Penelope L. Griffis, Hotel Patten, Chattanooga, Tennessee Mrs. H.M. Sydenstricker, West Point, Mississippi

There are others entered through D.K. but they will not check more than two at a time for you; however, I can try for more if you wish, just to see if on any one paper, a mention is made of Grizelle Gillis, which is I judge the main point to have checked.

As to checking on D.K. at the Archives, I doubt if they would have anything there, unless you refer to the pension possibility which I thought I had checked some time ago. As he d. in 1810, he would not have had one but his widow could have if she lived until the time when widows were granted such--about 1838. I believe.

Have we tried for all Thomas Kennedys from Tennessee for the War of 1812 -- pension and/or bounty land claims? The birthdate of Thomas on that one paper is shown as May 13,1779 and if yours had a pension or bounty land claim, we could get his age which might help prove or disprove the case.

As soon as I can get to the Library of Congress, I shall see if I can locate any book regarding the chief justices of Texas -- but without a title, it might not be tookeasy.

I shall continue on this search but wanted to acknowledge your letter without waiting longer. Charges to date are \$6.00 including some work on the Collins search on which I have nothing additional at this time I would appreciate your sending this to me within a few days if convenient You might have further thounghts or comments on the Kennedy matter.

Sincerely yours,



December 5, 1951 Mr. William Galbraith Smith Genealogical Research Box 7319 Benjamin Franklin P. O. Washington, D. C. Re: Daniel Kennedy Dear Mr. Smith: Enclosed you will find a check for \$6.00 as per your letter of the 2nd. I will write to the 2 people whose names you gave me and see what I can find out from them. In the meantime, it is my idea that possibly, due to Daniel Kennedy's prominence both during the Revolutionary War in which he served as a colonel, and later, acting as a brigadier general for the State of Franklin, and his activity still later as clerk of Green County, there might be something in the archives regarding him. Perhaps my idea of what the archives contain is not correct, but I have been given the impression that such material as listed above might be found there. I do not think Daniel Kennedy's widow would have had a pension as I believe she died about 1824. You will find the exact date in the papers I sent you.

Your suggestion regarding Thomas Kennedy is a good one; go ahead and search the records for the War of 1812, and other sources which you recommend. At the very least, it might give me another War of 1812 supplemental. You are correct, I am trying to separate the Kennedys, trying to find out if the Thomas who definitely was the son of Daniel, is the one who married Grizelle Gillis.

There was a bunch of Kennedy's, possibly including sons of Daniel, who went up into Kentucky and were prominent there. These Kennedys included a Thomas.

It is my recollection on the book of the Chief Justices of Texas that the name I gave you was the authors, and that the book was about the Chief Justices.

Sincerely,

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#### WILLIAM GALBRAITH SMITH

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

BOX 7319 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN P. O. WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 6,1952.

Mr. M.D. Rutherford, Chicago Fence & Equipment Co., Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Rutherford:

Thank you for your two recent letters--sorry for any delay in acknowledging them but this has been a very busy period for me what with the research and other duties. Also thank you for your check.

Your one letter asked if I had any unmaining to check further was any reference to Daniel Kennedy. I do not anticipate finding much, if anything, here in the Archives on him but shall see; I believe you would be more apt to find data on him in Tennessee. Perhaps if you wrote to Miss Pollyanna Creekmore, 1408 West Clinch Ave., Knoxville 16, Tennessee she could advise you; I have done work for her here. She is connected with the Lawson McGhee Library, I believe; not sure of her present position but she has been Secretary of the East Tennessee Historical Society which I think runs this Library. You can inform her, if you wish, that you secured her name as reference, from me. She has done quite a lot of historical and genealogical research in Tennessee records.



WILLIAM GALBRAITH SMITH

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

BOX 7319 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN P. O. WASHINGTON, D. C.

DATA FROM
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March 21,1955.

Mr. M.D. Rutherford, Wheaton, Illinois

Dear Mr. Rutherford:

I presume you received my recent letter although I have not heard from you.

Since then, I have been able to check the book on Kings Mountain Men, as to Kennedy data, and I'm afraid there is not much there of value to your inquiry. It stated that Thomas Kennedy was b. 1756, and when young, went to Burke Co., N.C.—then to Ky.,—that he was in both Va. and Ky. legislatures—and d.in Garrard Co., Ky., 1836. Which of course is not very much information.

Memo:

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Subject: Captain Thomas Kennedy

The book "Kings Mountain" by Draper, published in 1881 refers to Captain Thomas Kennedy as later being made General Kennedy and being put on a pension record. Can you find out what the pension record said on his family. General Thomas Kennedy died in Garrard County, Kentucky. There is a 1954 reprint of this same book by the Continental Book Company in Marietta, Georgia.

Will you check and see if this gives us any information which will be helpful to us in our quest for our Thomas Kennedy. This one is not ours but was possibly a brother of Daniel Kennedy. You recall that our Thomas Kennedy was in close association with Daniel in Green County.



Winchester, Tenn. Feb. 29, 1944 Mr. M. D. Rutherford 4400 Addison Street Chicago, Illinois My Dear Mr. Rutherford: In reply to your inquiry concerning the Rutherford-Kennedy families of this County, I wish to say that, as a fellowmember of the Institute of Amer. Genealogy, I am sending you, without charges, several names taken from our "Census of 1820 (1st Census) of Franklin Co." My husband and I have been compiling records of this County for many years. This County was erected in 1807, but we do not find the

names you mention in any of the early records of the County (of the records we have compiled) before the 1820 Census. They must have located here shortly before that date. It is our opinion that members of these families have lived in the County continuously since that time.

If you find any name of interest in this Census list and wish me to make a further research, I shall be glad to do the work for you for a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00). This would include investigation of Court records and personal contacts with persons who may possibly be descendants of these early families - of whom we think there may be several.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Mrs. Ben A. Grisard

31 W. Sixth Avenue Winchester, Tennessee 3 4 2

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Mrs. Ben A. Grisard 31 W. Sixth Avenue Winchester, Tennessee

March 14,1944

Mr. Milton D. Rutherford 2052 N. Halsted St. Chicago, Illinois

My Dear Mr. Rutherford:

You will find enclosed a part of the records I have found in the Court House here. I sincerely hope they will prove interesting to you.

I had the misfortune to lose the notebook in which I had copied the Deeds to the farms both John A Rutherford and Thomas Kennedy had recorded, I will copy them again and mail them to you in a day or two.

I found the name of John A Rutherford only three times in the Index to Deeds, but there are many transfers of land to a long list of Kennedys who have lived in this County through all the years. I recall you said John A Rutherford emigrated to Texas in 1835. I'm sure that explains why there are so few records in his name. Unfortunately there are no marriage records on file before 1838. There is nothing of interest in them to you.

You will note the name of Kennedy is spelled various ways; so many, in fact, I can't enumerate all of them here - in most every instance two or three ways in one record. This being the case it is extremely hard to distinguish between them, but I'm sure there will be no mistake in your mind of the Will of Thomas Kenedy because of the name of wife, Grizzell and daughter Jane and J. A. Rutherford as bondsman.

No doubt you are familiar with the fact that the early scribes had little regard for the correct spelling of sur names (and given names) but rather recorded them by sound. You will also recall they used no punctuations in any records, thus making it hard to copy them as well as decipher them. I have tried to make an exact copy of all I am sending you - spelling included - with but one exception, the word assigns having been "afsigns" in every instance - the old way of writing "ss" or something.

It may interest you to know the Kenedy Will was copied from one of the oldest books on record - so old it was hard to handle.

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Sincerely,

(Signed) Mrs. Grisard

MRS. BEN A. GRISARD 31 W. SIXTH AVENUE WINCHESTER, TENNESSEE

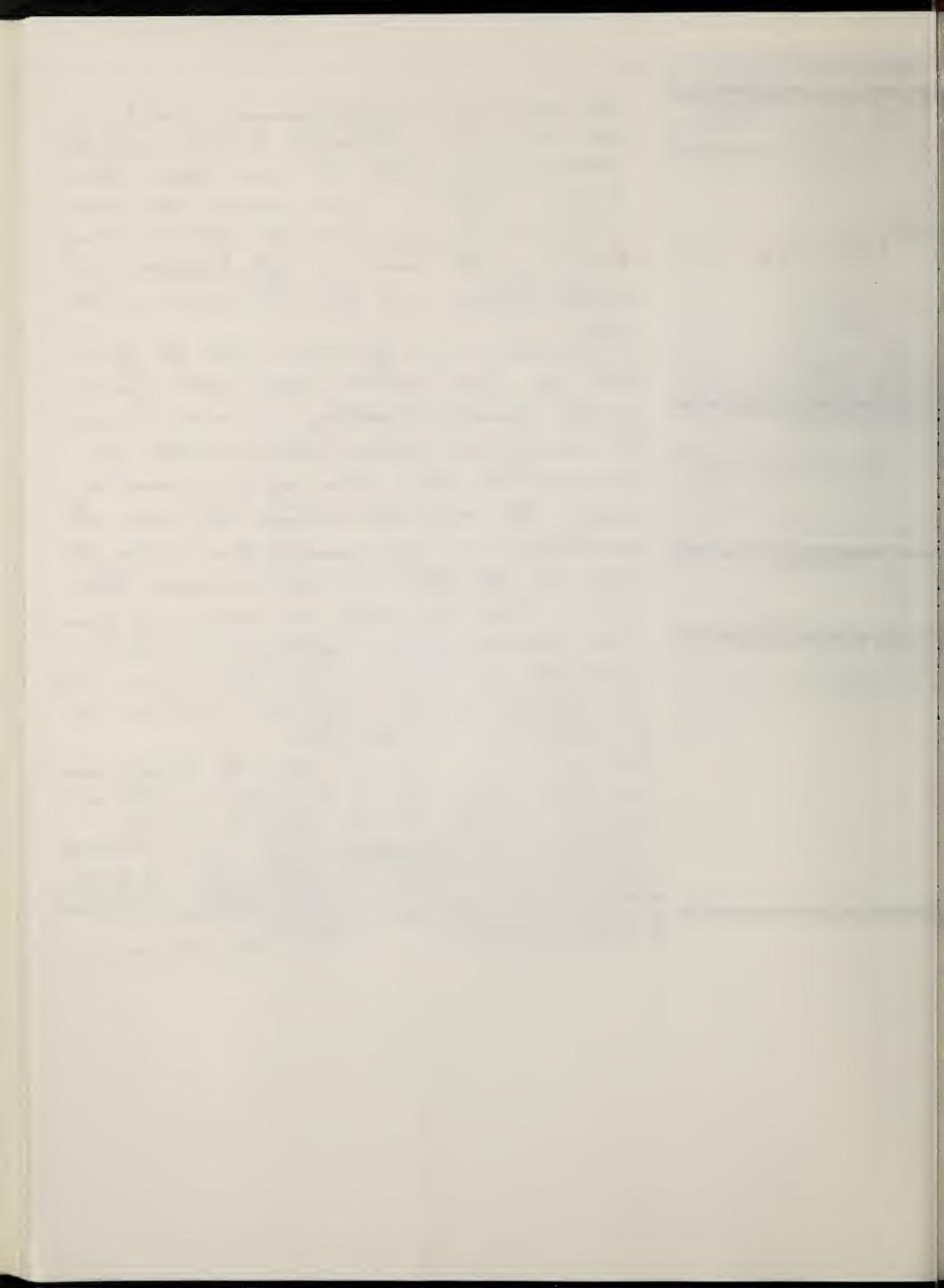
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My dear Mr Rutherford: -You will find Enclosed a part of the records I have found in the Court of have I sincerely hope they will prove interesting to you. I had the mus folime to love the note-book in which I had copied the deeds to the farmer both John a. Retherful and Thomas Kennedy had recorded, but I mee copy them Igain and mail them to you in a day or two. I found the mane of John a. Rucherful only three times in the Judge to Desdo, & t There are many transfer of land to a long list of Kennedy who have lived this County Through all the years. I recall upon said John a. Reitherford Emigrated to Desas in 1935. I'm sure that Explains orby there are so fer records in his name. Unfortenedly there are no marriage records on file before 1838. There is mothing of interest in them to you. You will note the name Kennedy is spelled warrange ways; so many, on fact I can't snumerate all of them here - in most Every undance



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### WILL OF THOMAS KENEDY SR.

In the name of God, Amen, I, Thomas Kenedy Sr., being weak of body, but perfect of mind and memory, thanks to God for His mercies and calling to mind that God hath appointed for all men once to die, do in this, my last will and testament recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to the grave, to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner, at the discretion of my surviving friends. After the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses, all which I desire may be done as soon as possible, or as circumstances may permit.

Secondly, I desire that my two youngest children Nancy and George, which are yet under age, may receive out of my personal property what may be an equal amount to each one to what each one of my other children has received of me.

Thirdly, That my beloved wife Grizzell may be plentifully and sufficiently supported during her natural life or widowhood, out of my substance, she retaining all the estate during her natural life or widowhood.

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Lastly, I appoint my beloved wife Grizzell executrix and my son Thomas executor of this my last will and testament, revoking all other wills or testaments, by me made.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal, this the eighth day of November, one thousand eight hundred thirty two.

Thomas Kenedy, (seal)

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of us who hereunto set our names as witnesses.

John Brixey
William (X) Nichols

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William H. Murry John W. Camden J. A. Rutherford

their securities in the sum of one thousand dollars, agreably to law, and that letters testamentory upon according.

In testimony whereof I Edmond Russell, clerk of said court, have hereunto subscribed my name this day and year aforesaid,

E. Russell, Clerk FCC

By W. B. Wagner DC

Recorded in my office the twentieth day of March, one thousand eight hundred thirty three.

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William Polk to Thos. Kennedy land on head waters of Bradley's Creek -- December 8th, 1818

This Indenture made the eighth day of December one thousand eight hundred eighteen between William Polk of Wake County, North Carolina on the one part and Thomas Kenedy of the County of Franklin and State of Tennessee on the other part witnesseth that the said Polk for and in consideration of five hundred dollars to him in hand paid by the said Thos. Kenedy the receipt where of is hereby acknowledged hath given granted bargained and sold aliened conferred and confirmed unto the said Kenedy his heirs and assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land situated lying and being in County of Franklin State of Tennessee on the head waters of Bradley's Creek the same being part of the tract of 2246 acres granted to Matt. Algrove beginning at the Matt. Kirkendal North west corner a hickory and black-jack running thence North 6° West 120 poles to a hickory and black oak on Simon Kirkendall's line thence North 4° East 190 poles to a dogwood and poplar on the said line thence North 6° East 120 poles to a rock and stake on Matt. K. line thence to his line to the beginning containing 201-3/4 acres by the same move or less to have and to hold the afore said land with all and singular the rights profits emoluments hereditaments and appurtenances of in and to the same belonging or in any wise pertaining to the only proper use and behoof of him the said Thos. Kenedy his heirs and assigns forever and the said William Polk for his heirs assigns executors and administrators to covenant and agree to and with the said Thos. Kenedy his heirs and assigns that the before recited land and bargained premises he will warrant and forever defend against the right title interest or claim of all and every person or persons whatsoever

In witness whereof the said William Polk hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the day and year above written.

Signed sealed etc. in the presence of

> Isaac Henry John Brixey

William Polk

By his attorney James Polk

State of Tennessee, Franklin County February Term of Court 1819. Then the within Deed from Wm. Polk his has Attorney Samuel Folk to Thomas Kenedy (Kennedy - Mrs. G.) for 201 a was duly proven in open court by the oaths of Isaac Henry and John Brixey subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be registered. Let it be registered.

Signed E. Russell, Clerk

Mr. Rutherford:

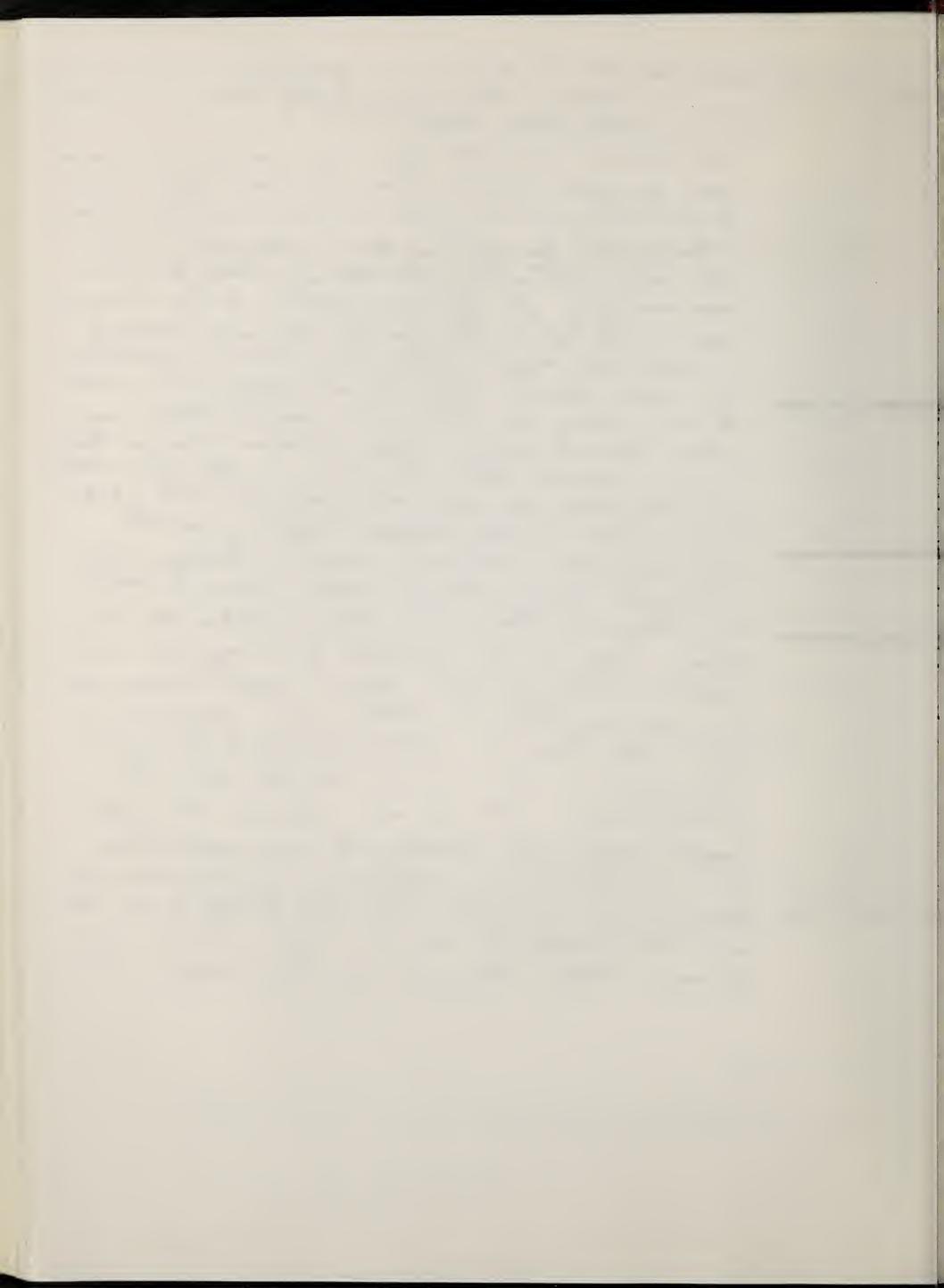
The two enclosed deeds are exact copies of the original Deeds as found in Court House Records here, and copied by me on this March 15, 1944.

> (Signed) Mrs. Ben A. Grisard Winchester, Tenn.

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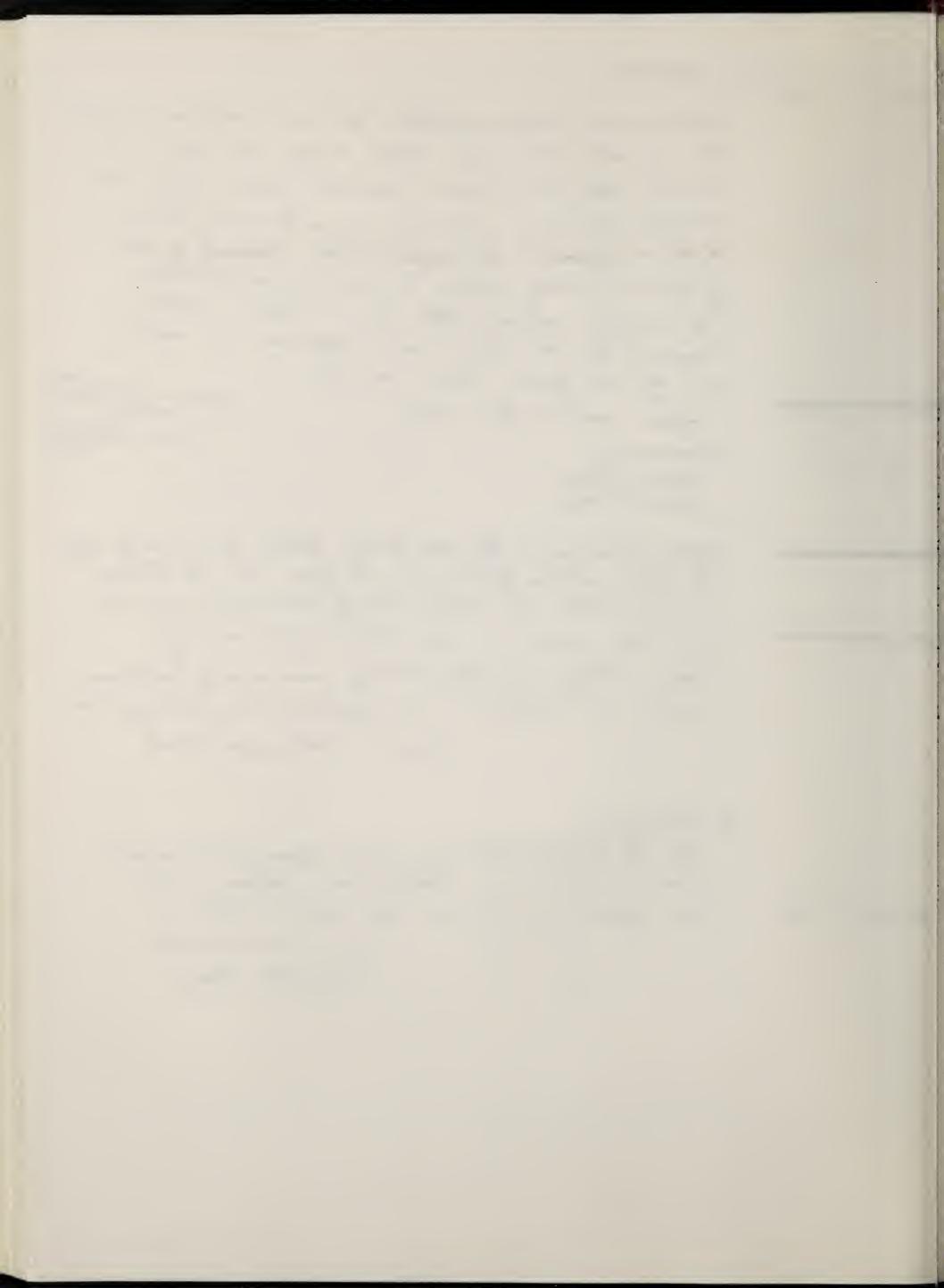
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Mrs. Ben A. Grisard, 31 W. 6th Ave., Winchester, Term.

Dear Mrs. Grisard:

I received your letter and the copy of 1820 census, for which I thank you. However, we have in Chicago, the Newberry Library, which is, I understand, one of the best genealogical libraries in the country, and most of the information which you sent me is here in the 1820 census.

About all that I can do, is tell you the story and see if you cannot fill in the blank spaces.

According to information from an Aunt, who copied some of these records from the family bible, which has since been destroyed, and her memory of a conversation with her grand—father, John A. Rutherford, he stated, that his Mother, whose name we do not know, was left a widow with two small children. Date of his birth is given as Jan. 31, 1799, so that presumably, his father died in the early 1800's, as I would assume, that in those days, a boy 12 or 14 years old would not have been referred to as a small child.

I understand, that he had one sister; that his father had several brothers, who apparently did not get along very well with the widow, as John A.'s recollection of them was bitter and he never referred to them. He, as you know, showed up in the census of 1820, without a family. Apparently, his Mother and sister were not with him at that time. Perhaps they remained in Virginia, innere he later reported in the census of 1880, that his Mother and Father were born in Virginia. He, however, is supposed to have been born in Tennessee, according to that census, which would indicate, that they moved into some part of Tennessee before 1799. This, of course, would not necessarily have to be franklin County.

His Mother's name, as you will recall, was Roselle Gillis, and could have been of the Alex Gillis family, shown in the 1820 census, which you sent me.

He was married to Jane Kennedy, daughter of Thomas Kennedy in 1827 and immigrated to Texas in 1835. He named one of his boys Franklin, (which would indicate that he had a soft spot for Franklin County); another Calvin and one Clinton. In view

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of the fact, that he attended the Presbyterian Church in Texas, and was quite active, he was probably married in that Church in Tennessee.

I suggest, that you investigate the Court and Church records of births, deaths and marriages, wills, etc., and see if we can determine anything more.

Your charge is okay, so you may go ahead with this work. You might also try to find out if there are any early schools he may have attended, as later he became the first chief justice of Lamar County. Texas and served from 1840 to 1846, when Texas entored the Union. He may have been a self educated man, but as he was an engineer and surveyor also, he evidently acquired some knowledge in school.

Thanking you most kindly for your trouble, and awaiting your reply with much interest, I am

Sincerely.

Milton Drexel Rutherford/ho

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Mrs. Ben A. Grisard, 31 W. 6th Ave., Winchester, Tenn.

Dear Mrs. Grisards

Enclosed is my check for \$10.00. You did not send me an invoice but I understood this was to be your charge. However, I would appreciate your doing a little more investigating. You have undoubtedly done considerable work and the copy of deeds were very interesting.

However, the sum total of the additional information which I have, is that John A. Rutherford, owned some lots in Hillsbore and that his father-in-law evidently lived on an adjoining farm.

I would like to have you check on some of the other items, which i referred to in my recent letter, i. ... more information as to the name, place of birth and death of his Father and Mothers also, any other members of his family.

Also, I note, that the court records which you sent me indicate his buying this land, but nothing is said about the disposal of it, and in view of the fact that he emigrated to Texas about a year later, there should be some additional record.

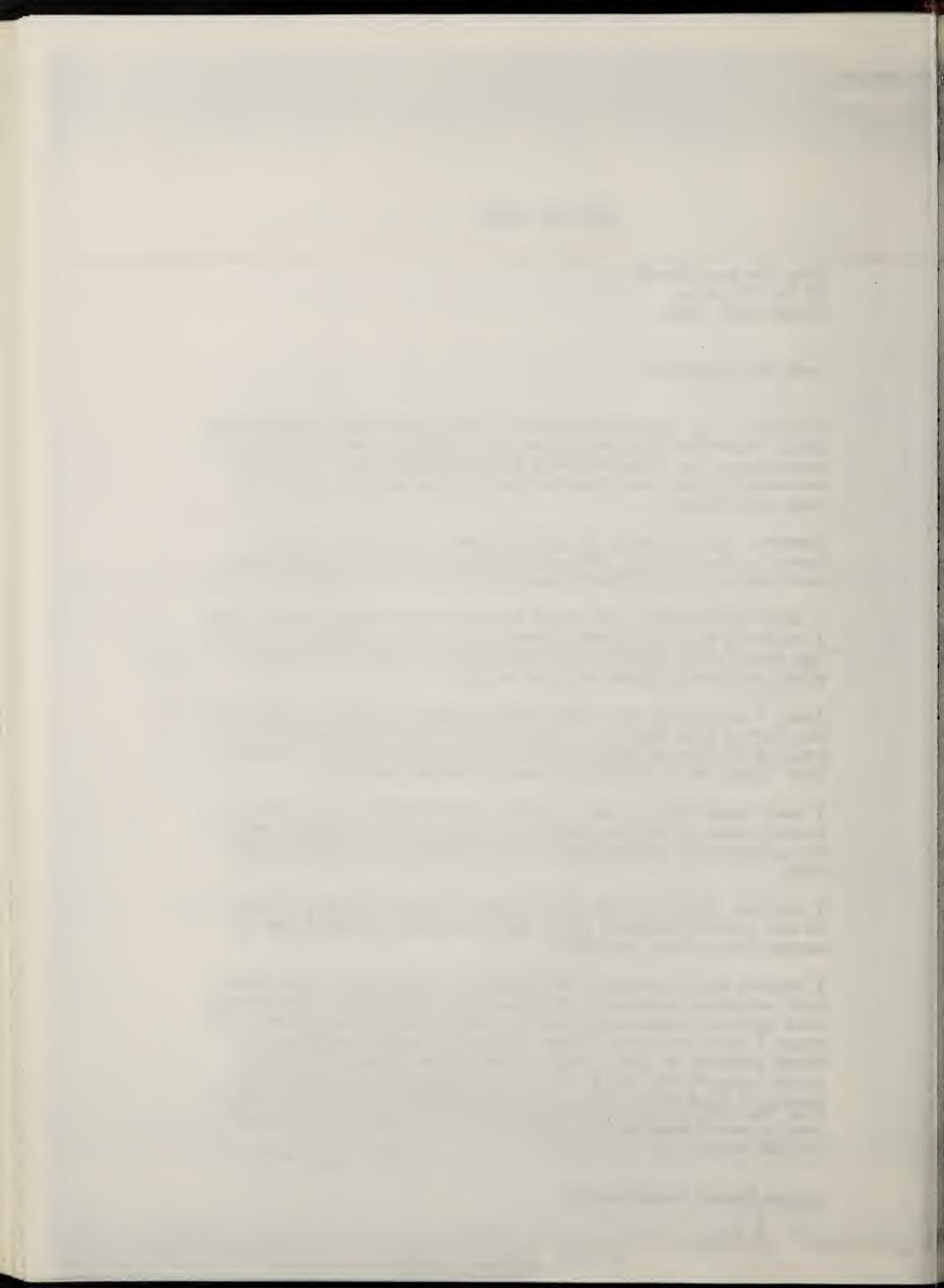
I would also like to have you see if you can find out anything regarding the previous records, regarding Thomas Kennedy, who is indicated as having been born in Kentucky, as was also his wife.

I realize, that you only have access to local records, so that we may possibly reach a point where nothing additional can be discovered in your locality.

I checked the inference to Virkus, and find that I have read this notation before and dismissed it, as this record indicates, that Archibald Rutherford died in 1825, whereas the information which I gave you in my letter of the 6th, would indicate his death previous to that time, as would also the census reports which you sent me, as he was not shown is living in Franklin County at that time. Also, this reception indicates that he had a son, who does not correspond to my record of the members of the family, which apparently consisted, only of John and a sister and the Mother, at this time.

Yours very truly,

Milton Drexel Butherford/ho



Mrs. Ben A. Grisard, 51 W. Sixth Ave., Winohester, Tenne

Dear Mrs. Grisards

With reference to some of the matters in your last letter. I do not think it worth while to check Thomas Kennedy in Coffee County, as he died in 1832, according to the Will you sent me.

Possibly John L., left someone in charge of his property in Tennessee and it was sold and the funds forwarded to him later, as you will recall he moved to Texas in 1835.

I note from the Kentucky census of 1790, that a Thomas Kennedy and also a Thomas Kennedy, Jr., were in Madison County, Ky., tax lists of 1789. If you have facilities for checking this, it might be our Thomas or his Son.

I would judge that the Thomas Kennedy who died in 1852, by the number and ages of his children and wife, was not a Revelutionary War veteran, but his Father might have been, and he might have been the Thomas Jr., listed in 1789 in Kentucky.

There was also a Capt. Thomas Kennedy, who is listed in the list of pensioners and book published by Congress in 1835, as having lived in Garard County in 1838. This would not seem to be our man. My Thomas Kennedy, according to family records, was born Nov. 10, 1767. This would seem to be pretty early for entucky, as my impression is, that there was very little immigration West of the mountains that early, and he probably went there from Virginia, as most immigrants to entucky were apparently from Virginia.

This man, apparently, would not be a Revolutionary War veteran, as he was only 10 when the War started and 18 when it ended in 1785, and, of course, could not be the Capt. Kennedy referred to above, who by the way, was from North Carolina.

Griselle Gillis, his wife, was born Dec. 10, 1775 and could be of the same family of Gillis you show in Franklin County eensus in 1820. Possibly her people moved there from another location, and she married Kennedy in Tennessee. There again, as compared to that of Alexander Gillis in Franklin County, would indicate they could be Brother and Sister, judging by

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the ages of their children and their own.

There was a Thomas Gillis in Woodford County, Ky., in the 1790 census, and another Thomas Gillis in Fayette County, Ky., in 1789.

Your reference to Claiborne Rutherford might be a lead to Archibald Rutherford, as he might be a Brother of Archibald Rutherford, whom you will recall, died leaving a widow and two small children.

You might check into these matters, if you have the facilities available and advise me.

Yours very truly,

CHICAGO PENCE & EQUIPMENT CO.

Milton Drexel Rutherford/ho

P. S. - Jane Kennedy, wife of John A. Rutherford, and my great, Grandmother, was born in Tennessee on Dec. 20, 1802, indicating their residence there at that time. There were other children, as indicated by the Will, whose birth dates we do not know.

MRS. BEN A. GRISARD 31 W. SIXTH AVENUE WINCHESTER, TENNESSEE

Mr. Milton Drexel Rutherford, 2052 N. Halsted St., Chicago, Ill. offine 19.44

Dear Wir. Rutherford:

Many thanks for your letter of Mar. 23, enclosing \$10.00 It is gratifying to know that you were pleased with my work on your records, as found here. I think I told you I was sending All I could find on John A. Rutherford. Like yourself I wondered why there were no records of the sales or transfers of his lands in this County, when it occurred to me that by the time he sold his Tennessee lands, the new county of Coffee had been formed (in 1836) from Franklin, and such records might be found at the County seat there. Should you want me to make this investigation for you, my charge would be \$10.00 for the work. This investigation would also include any records of Thomas Kennedy, found there, as he might have sold his lands in Coffee County, later and removed to Kranklin.

Concerning further records on Thomas Kennedy and wife, their Wancestors etc., it would be impossible for me to do this unless you could furnish me with more information than merely that they were both born in Kentucky. If you could even give me the name of the Kentucky county in which they were born it might give me a lead. I have a large collection of Kentucky notes and data, taken from the Kentucky books designated in I.A.G. catalog. I have had the loan of every

one of them since 1932. They work work 10-1767 - freely

I take it that you are interested only in the ancestry of Thomas Kennedy and his wife, rather than Kennedy descendants in this county. I had hoped that I might be able to contact some descendant of his and thereby get information or records concerning his ancestry. So far as I know, there is only one Kennedy descendant living in Winchester, could be have talked with her but she does not seem to know anything about her ancestors, except one, whose name was Daniel Kennedy, who came from N. Carolina. My reason for think ing there might be a connection between her line and yours was due to the fact that a Claiborne Rutterford, (Rutherford, Mrs. G.) was in 1820 census of Franklin county, and her grandfather and an uncle were named Daniel Claiborne Kennedy. It would be interesting if her ancestor, Daniel Kennedy,

should prove to be the father of your Thomas, as he was a Rev. soldier of much prominence - later came into East Tenn. where he died, I think. Tennessee history has much to say about him

I wish to assure you that I have been much interested in this research for you, and only regret that it has been

impossible to develop the information you most extrestly

desire from our records here.

Yours very truly,

mrs Grishel

# Daniel Kennedy

Question: --- Mrs. R. H. B., Miami, Fla.

"I desire information about the Kennedy Family, of which one \_ Kennedy married a Blair, another married an Allan and Daniel married Margaret, about 1774 in Va., - said to be his cousin, Margaret Kennedy or Hugh, or Hughes of Va. James Hugh married a widow Kennedy (Augusta County Records) who had a daughter, Margaret Kennedy.

Whose widow was she? We desire all dates of birth, marriage and death and Rev. Service.

Was Daniel Kennedy sergeant of Third Va., Regiment in 1777, the above Daniel Kennedy and from what county did he enlist? Moses Hughes married Mary McCoy Jan.,7,1790, in Greene County, Tenn. Was AAron Hughes of Botetourt Co., Va., his father and Abraham his brother? Is Dr.Hüghes of Ft. Dodge, Iowa, now 107 years old, if living, son of Moses?

#### Answer: \*

Sketch of Daniel Kehnedy in Williams' Lost State of Franklin, states that he was born in Virginia about the year 1750 and above his grave there was recently erected a monument with this inscription:

"To the Memory of Col. Daniel Kennedy, 1750-1802, Soldier, Patriot, Statesman, Rev. Soldier, Pioneer of Tennessee, First Clerk of Court of Greene County, Served under Four Forms of Government, 1783-1802. Supported State of Franklin, Made Peace with Indians, Trustee of Greenville and Washington Colleges".

The monument was erected in 1920 by his descendants. There is a WILL in the name of Daniel Kennedy recorded in Frederick Co., Va.

Another Daniel Kennedy is recorded as semgeant in the Sixth Penn.,
Regiment Sept.,1,1776, Adj. 15th Feb.,1777, Ensign June 2,1777, taken prisoner at Bristol, April 17,1778, exchanged Aug.1,1780, and did not return to service. Can our readers supply further data on these Kennedy and Hughes lines?---

To explain, Mr.Rutherford.

Several years ago I made a scrap-book consisting only of "Questions and Answers" appearing weekly in a Memphis paper, under title "Dropped Stitches in Southern History" by Tennessee State Historian, Mrs. John Trotwood Moore(still connected with "Library). I have copied the above Question and Answer exactly as appear in my scrap-book, hoping you may find a clue to further research. I regret not having the date, but I know it was several years ago.

Mrs. Gnisard

June 2,1948

April 19, 1948 Mrs. Ben A. Grisard 31 W. Sixth Ave. Winchestery Tenn. Dear Mrs. Grisard: We have not had any correspondence since April of 1944 but I have just received some additional information which may tie in with something you told me at that time. You referred to a local resident who had an ancester Daniel Kennedy who came from North Carolina. See if you can contact this party and find out from what county or what part of North Carolina he came from. It is important as I have information now that Thosmas Kennedy we were looking for was married in Green County, Tenn. in 1800 to Griselle Gillis and Daniel Kennedy was the Clerk of the Court at the time. There were a number of other Kennedys there also so it would seem possible there would be a connection as these families generally followed along together and if we can find out where Daniel came from it might give us a clue to Thomas' former residence in N.C. where the census say he was born. I will be pleased to hear from you. Yours very truly, M. D. Rutherford MOR ! M 

It was surprising to find the marriage of Thomas Kennedy and Grizzell Gillis in Greene County. I am sure that she is daughter of Coulty John Gillis who was in the first Tax List of Greene in 1783. Miss Kinnaman found this after she returned from Tennessee, and has written for ae to Greene County Court House for his will. refer to this inteller

I advise you to get your searcher in Washington busy in looking up the pension record of the Revolutionary soldier, Thomas Kennedy, of Franklin County. The pension records usually contain much do family data, giving name of wife, place of birth, etc.

We are taking preparations for a vacation trip, next weekthe latter part of the week we leave Independence. I am very tired and Dr. Greene insists we we go away for awhile- possibly two weeks. If you so desire, while I am on vacation, Miss Kinnaman can carry do That

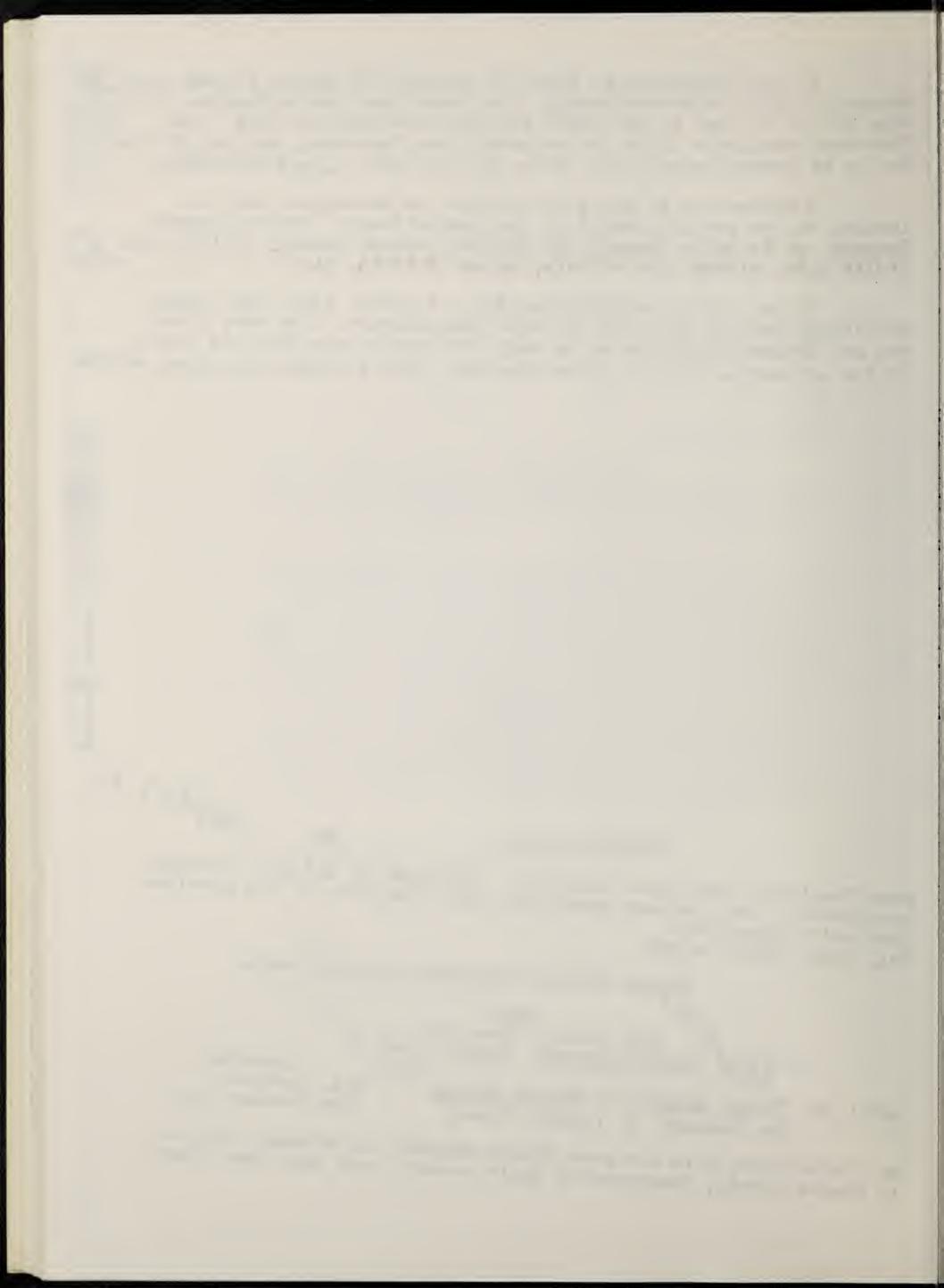
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Greene County, Tennessee Marriage Bonds 1800 Daniel Kennedy, County Clerk Security N.K. Rawlings

Thomas Kennedy to Grizey Gilles John Kennedy, Jr. Wm. Kennedy, C. (Deputy Clerk) April 26

Mr. Rutherford, here are your Thomas Kennedy and Grizzell Gillis in Greene County, Tennesse, so their parents must have been there.



the library searching for you Kennedy familyand have much of interest to report. I shall not take time to copy all I found, but shall wait for a report from a searcher in Madison County, Kentucky where your family seem to have been living during the Revolutionary period. I have written to a genealogist at Richmond, Madison County, Ky., to see if she can take up the search there, on the Kennedy's , Gillises and Collins families.

I had a letter from Liss Hattle Scott, the genealogist at Frankfort, My. She could not undertake the elerch for us. She is

fully served. A letter dated Feb. 10, 1/01 at beurous ..... was written by John Kennedy, son of Dr. John Kennedy, to his brother, Thomas Kennedy, att "Strode's Fort" in Madison County, during the War of the Revolution. John Kennedy also was a Revolutionary soldier and was taken prisoner by the British at Guilford Court House, N. .. and then placed "on board a British ship, and literally sturved to

P.S. The reason I suggested that you have your researcher in Washington, D.C. at find the pension record for Thomas Kennedy, Revolutionary soldier, of Franklin County, is because Mr. Phillip Smith is so busy, I had to wait nearly one month for a report from him. Lationary service. / survice, inomas mennedy was a ...

member of the Convention of 1792 which formed the First Constitution of Kentucky-held in Danville, Madison Co., Ky. The family were prominent in the civic life of the State. We find William Kennedy as senator from Mercer Co., 1792; Thomas Kennedy, senator from Madison Co., in 1792; Joseph Kennedy, Revolutionarypensioner of Madison County, 81 years of age in 1840, probably son of Thomas of Madison. Jesse Kennedy, son of Thomas of Madison Co., represented Bourbon County in the Ky. Legislature in 1829, 1831, 1832 and 1841. He was an occasional contributor to newspapers, a useful citizen and Christian. - "was intelligent and faithful and will long be remembered."

John Kennedy was a sergeant in Lincoln Col, Ky. at or near Lagan Station, Lincoln-Co., 1779. John Kennedy accompanied vol. Daniel Boone, his brother Squire Boone, Col. Richard Calloway and their associates on their trip into the wilds of Tennessee in Feb. 1775. I wonder if this could have been the brother of Thouse Kennedy, of Madison County, who was living in Ledford Co., Va. in 1781, and who was starved aboard the British ship.

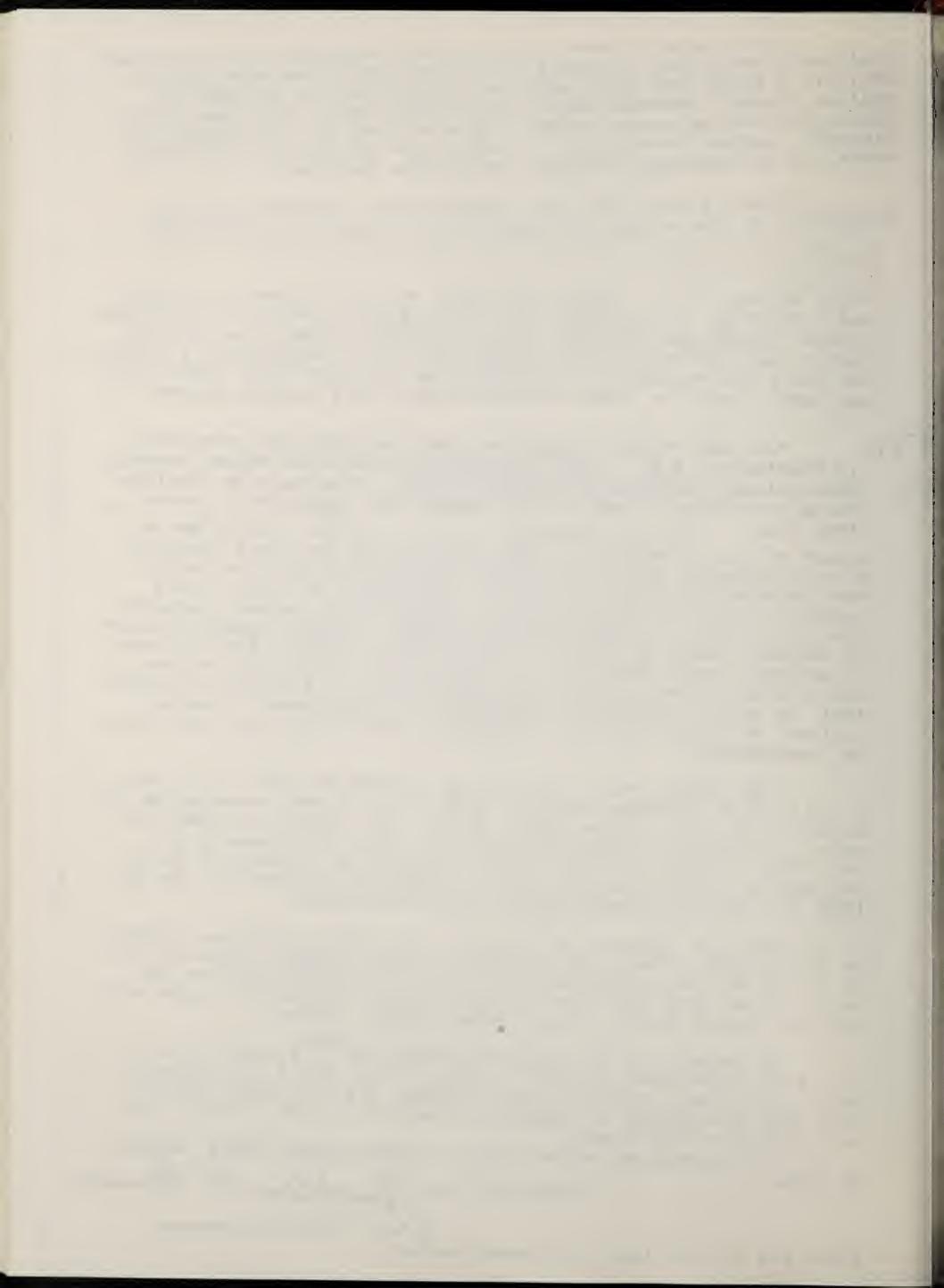
have you learched in Tennessee for father of Thomas Kennedy, of Franklin Co.? There was a General Daniel Kennedy of Greene Co., Term, who was quite prominent following the Revolution, but the name, Daniel, does not apper in your line. However, the name Hugh does not appear in your Joseph Brown family, either.

At present, we are house-cleaning, but will make a trip to K.C. Library to check on your K nnedy f mily. The D.A.R. Lineage books might yield something on your line. Also, I should like to look into the records of South-west Virginia to see if they give us anything on Hugh Brown.

If you have any sugge tion as to the search, pleas, advise

me soon.

Sincerely yours, Josephinic M. Greene



Chicago, October 13, 1947

I am listing below various note which I have picked up in my researches regarding the above name.

I note in the census of 1820 in Franklin County, Teen. that an Alexander Gillis is in the same county as Thomas Kennedy wines who we know to be there at that time as his daughter Hane Kennedy married my great-grandfather there.

Thosmas Kennedy is shown in 1820 as having one mail over 45 and one female 45, which corresponds with the age given for Grissel Gillis, who was born in 1775. It is quite possible that Alexander Gillis is her brother.

Also find reference to John Gillis as follows and a Thomas Kennedy (this is nor our Thomas Kennedy, however, as we know that he died in 1832):

John Gillis, Private in Militia Co. of John Inglis 1787 Montgomery County, Payroll 19 or 20 days. On file Archives Dept.S Library miss.papers. Va.soldier 1776 - Burgers P 1245.

Thomas Kennedy, Private, Va.Militia. List of Pensions of U.S. 1835 P 61 Tenn.

May 18, 1948 Mrs. Joseph W. Greene 319 N. Spring St. Independence, Mo. Re: Daniel Kennedy My dear Mrs. Greene: Just received letter from one of my correspondents, Ers. Ben Grisard of Winchester, Tennessee, who gives me several references to look up - Samuel Cole William's History of the State of Franklin (covering years 1784 to 1788 about). looked this book up in Newberry Library and the only information given which would be of benefit was a sketch of his life. He was born in Virginia 1750 and according to family records was private in Capt. Evan Shelby - Dunmores War. This latter reference would indicate hermally was born in Virginia so we may look for him there, probably in the counties behind the mountains. I also looked in White's "State of Franklin" and Preston's "Holson Valley" and found nothing. Mrs. Grisard refers to the book "Countles of Tennessee" where a reference is made to the early settlers among whom was a Daniel Kennedy who with others was interested in founding the Methodist Church named 'Ebenezer' located on the Nellichneky Perhaps this information will help us. River. Yours very truly, M. D. Rutherford



I had a Letter from Mrs. Ardery, of Paris, Bourbon County, Kentucky, and she cannot undertake the search in Bourbon County for two months. She says that there are many records of the Kennedys in that County, and it will take an extensive search, at one dollar per hour. Mrs. Ardery is one of the most able searhers in Kentukcy and is the author of "Kentucky Court and Other Records".

Recently, at the Kansas City Library, I found in "History of Bourbon County, Scott, Harrison and Nicholas Counties, Kentucky" by William Henry Perrin, page 84, a biographical sketch of Thomas Kennedy, of Bourbon County. He was from Maryland and had brothers, John and Joseph. All were with Daniel Boone, early in Kentucky. They were the sons of Dr. John Kennedy, whom I mentioned in a previous letter. John and Thomas Kennedy were in Kentucky in 1776 with Daniel Boone, but Thomas did not bring his wife and children to Kentucky until 1779- three boys and a daughter- the eldest seven years of age. If Thomas' eldest child, a son, was only seven years of age, he could

in Estill County for the Collins Itality, and --so desire. It is impossible to get an answer from the searher at Richmond, Madison County, I have written the second letter, and no reply. Please advise me what to do.

Last week, Miss Kinnaman left for Carter County, Tennessee to visit relatives. She expects to work out from there over some Tennessee counties and into Patrick County, Virginia on some work for me. If we do not get results at Greeneville, perhaps she can be of asistance in the quest. She plans to go to Nashville to State Library, and said that she would make further search on the Hugh Brown line, there, if we need her. Please advise me what I should do.

I should like the name and address of your Census searcher in Washington. I wrote to Mr. Philip Smith who has assisted me there. but have had no reply. During the summer, he goes north to work in the records, so that may account for the delay in replying.

I am sorry that I have not something to report, but have done my best.

Sincerely yours, Joseph W. Greene



### KENNEDY

Census of Bedford County, Tenn. 1820. no Kennedy.

Franklin County Tenn. 1820 census.
Thomas Kennedy. Males 2(10-16) 1(0ver 45)
Females. 2(0-10) 2(10-16) 1(26-45).

Franklin County Tennessee Will Book 1-2 1808-1876
W.B.I.p.110. Will of Thomas Kennedy Sr., two youngest children
Nancy and George yet under age.
My receive out of my personal property equal to each one to what
other children has received.
Wife Grizzell support
My four sons John, Thomas, William and George have land fivided.
Three daughters to have personal property, Jane, Elizabeth and Nancy
Appoints wife and son Thomas executors.
Nov. 8, 1832 Signed Thomas Kennedy.
Wit: John Buxy. William x(his mark) Nichols.
Proved 26 Nov. 1832.



## GILLIS

Received from Mrs. Jos. Greene

## John Gillis

Miss Kinnaman has sent out several letters on your lines and is awaiting replies. John Gillis did not leave a Will in Greene County, but a search of the deeds might bring something helpful. As soon as Miss Kinnaman sends in her report, I shall forward it to you.

I believe that the John Gillis, Revolutionary soldier of Montgomery County, Virginia, who was in the service in 1778, is the John who was living in Greene County, Tenn., in 1783.

(11-17-47 Greene)

In the Tenn. records, I have found in a copy of court records, the name of Thomas Gilles, Esq. 1794-- in Green Cp.-- had to do with Clerks Fees due on Fi Fa -- on docket of November 1794, and shows James Wilson Esq. vs. Thomas Gilles, Esq.

Besides Thomas, I found that a John Gillis (Gilles) was in the county, 1796. In Inventories and Sales for Green Co., 1828-1843 we find a John Gillis mentioned in the Personal estate papers of John McDonald, deceased-- "one note on John Gillis" -- this settlement in 1839; also in same, "Thomas Gillis to the partnership wagon."

John Gillis mentioned in Inv. and sale of estate of John Fincher-- 1841.

Isaiah Gillis mentioned, 1824 in connection with an order to road overseers--and John Gillis on jury to mark road.

In 1807, John Gillis sued By Abel Loyd, assignee of Robison Loyd; also sued by Daniel Rawlings.

On Jan. 28, 1808, Thomas Gillis appointed (as a Justice) to receive tax lists-

On April 30, 1807, Thomas Gillis produced in Court an account against the estate of Daniel Kennedy, deceased, for the sum of \$44.87\frac{1}{2}, and having "been duly qualified thereto, It is ordered that the same be received as a sufficient voucher in the settlement of the accounts of the Administrator", etc., of said estate.

In Wills and Inv. 1802-1810, we find the names of Thomas Kennedy and John Kennedy mentioned with the estate of Daniel Kennedy who had died by 1802-administrator was Margaret Kennedy along with Daniel Rawlings and John Kennedy.

(11-23-47)

#### KENNEDY-GILLIS--

No Rev. War pensions for any Gillis of the States pertaining to our search.

Am still trying to follow up both these lines.

Robert Gilles of Cross Creek (Surry Co.) Cal. Records of N.C. P.643 Vol.X

(11-22-47 Smith)

On the tax lists for Green Co. 1809-1817, we find listed in Capt. William Kelly's District for (probably) 1812, George Gillis, and Thomas Gilles; George also listed in 1811; Thomas indexed on wrong page so could not find the year.

# FRANKLIN CO. TENN. 1820 Alexander Gillis

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Sinking Creek and the Limestone Branch near the Washington County CKLEAR line. Among these were the Gillespies, Crocketts (father and uncless PT-2 of David Crockett), Henry Ernest whose son, Felix, is said to have 1947 been standard-bearer at Kings Mountain, Francis Hughes, Nathan Davis, Asheal Rawlings and Colonel Daniel Kenedy, first clerk of the court, and Amos Byrd, son of the haughty aristocrat of "Westover Manor" in Virginia....

Many of the early families had one or more members to hold landstill disputed but given by treaty to North Carolina. Colonel Daniel Kennedy had three sons killed by the Indians; a fourth taken captive was adopted into the tribe and married a Cherokee.

Note. Mr. Rutherford, several have entered D.A.R. on Daniel Kennedy (1742-1802) who married Margaret Hughes (1752-1800). I think Margaret Hughes was daughter of Francis Hughes, given in the list of residents on Tax Lists of 1783. Margaret Hughes Kennedy was rather young to have been mother of your ancestor, Thomas Kennedy, born in 1767, though possible. Col. Daniel Kennedy could have had an earlier marriage and would have been twenty -five years of age in 1767. I shall not take time to copy records from D.A.R. Lineage book, but Daniel and Margaret Hughes Kennedy had a son, John (1775-1845) who married Ohristina Huges (an error he married Patience Davis.)

From "Kings Mountain Men" by White, page 195-

Daniel Kennedy settled in Greene County, Tennessee and was its first clerk. He was conspicious in forming the State of Franklin and was one of its two brigadier generals. A certified copy of his service in the Expedition to Kings Mountain is in the minutes of the Masonic Lodge at Greeneville. He was loyal to Sevier.

From "Kings Mountain Men" by White, page 196-

Thomas Kennedy (1756-1836) was a captain under McDowell. He was wounded at Ramseuer's Mill, present at Earle's Ford, Cane Creek, and Kings Mountain, serving under General Rutherford in 1781. He moved from Burke County, North Carblina to Garrod (Garrard) County, Kentucky. He served in the Legislature of Virginia, and Kentucky Convention of 1791 From "Tennessee pensioners of Revolution and war of 1812" by Zella Armstrong, page 65:

Kennedy, Thomas in 1832, age 84; served in Virginia Militia; drew pension in Franklin County, Tennessee.

Mr. Rutherford, this soldier should be investigated, Born in 1748, he might have been father of your Thomas of Franklin County.

From: Greene 3/29/48

In reply to your query in regard to Sinking Creek, of Cocke County, in 1797, it is the same Sinking Creek, of Greene and Washington counties. All these counties were originally parts of washington. Miss Kinnaman has a cousin who is a student in the college at Johnston City, Washington County, and he is searching the records there for Kennedy and Brown. There were no Gillises in Washington County. I think your John Gillis and family came in from Virginia about 1783, when the first tax lists were made.

Miss Kinnaman wrote to the County Court House at Winchester, Franklin County, Tenn. for record of your Thomas Kennedy, but was not favored with a reply. Recently she wrote to the Mayor of the town for the name of the local D.A.R. REGENT. If they have a D.A.R. Chapter

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December 17, 1951 Mrs. Ferol Frost Hubbs 224 North Main Street Greeneville, Tennessee Re: Kennedy Dear Mrs. Hubbs: I was wondering what had happened to the County Clerk of Greene County and was just about to write to him. I don't know whether you have the letter I wrote him or not, but I am trying to establish the possible relationship of the Thomas Kennedy who married Grizelle Gillis, and the Thomas Kennedy who was the son of Daniel Kennedy. If the records you have will prove this point. I would of course like to have them. If they don't prove it, they are worthless to me. as I have made a thorough search, I believe, of all the Greene County records, and those I have do not prove this one fact. There was a Thomas Kennedy, the son of Daniel, who married Ester Penny, and 2 years later, the same man, or another Thomas Kennedy, married Grizelle Gillis. There must have been 2 or 3 Thomas Kennedys living at one time. Records reveal that a Thomas Kennedy was living in Greene County in 1842, whereas my Thomas Kennedy died in Franklin County in 1832. Ten dollars would be a very moderate price to pay for the information I am seeking, but I am wondering if you have it, as it seems to be a very difficult point to prove. From published accounts of the information on Daniel's tomb, I don't think it would help solve the problem, but of course if we make the connection, I would like to have it. I am sending this airmail and hoping that you will answer bromptly, as I am leaving the day after Christmas for a month or more on a winter vacation. Yours very truly, M. Drexel Rutherford

224 North Main Street Greeneville, Tennessee April 5, 1952

Mr. M. Drexel Rutherford Warrenville Road Wheaton, Illinois

Dear Mr. Rutherford:

I was glad to hear from you again. The reason I did not answer your other letter, I do not have proof that Thomas Hennedy, heir of Daniel was the one who married Braizelle Gillis. I may find the proof before I finish, I hope I do but I did not want to do all the research beforehand and you did not want it unless it was the one.

I am enclosing what I have and later I'll do further research to see what I can prove. I'm going to Wasnington D.C. monday to welcome a new grandchild so I'll not be back in Greeneville until early in may.

I have copied all of the old tombstone inscriptions in Greene Co of 1850 births or before and I have some 25 or 30 Kennedys but none seems to answer you question.

There are no Gillis Wills or else I might prove it in that way.

The biggest item I see so far which Isn't absolute proof, is the fact that the Rawlings were brother-in-laws to the Kennedys and Thomas Kennedy Apr 26, 1800 Grizey Gillis, securities N.K. Rawlings, and John Kennedy, Jr., which seems logical that Thomas Kennedy son of Daniel would get his brother-in-law to go his security. Taking another look, I see that N. K. Rawlings was not the brother-in-law but Daniel and Rezin were.

That is about all I can do with it at present but I'll try again when I get back. I'll see minutes and deeds under Kennedy and also "illis which might help.

Yours truly, Ferof Halle

Mrs. Ferol Frost Hubbs

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2 o conx ~ ot April 17, 1952 Mrs. Ferol Frost Hubbs 224 North Main Street Greensville, Tennessee Re: Kennedy Dear Mrs. Hubbs: This will no doubt be waiting for you when you return from Washington - Hope it's a boy! I have not studied your latest report too thoroughly but it occurs to me that it would be worthwhile to trace the dispostion of the land willed to Thomas Kennedy in 1808 by Daniel to see if his wife signed the papers. If so, what was her name? This may clear up the question of Penny or Gillis. I am inclined to think that there was more than one Thomas Kennedy living at that time, possibly sousins, as mine died in Coffee County, Tennessee, about 1832, whereas the Kennedy you have there had a will probated in 1863. However, there is undoubtedly some connection which the second to the last paragraph of your letter would indicate. I believe I have sent you considerable material on this subject. I will check my records again to see if I have anything I have not sent you previously. You formerly did considerable work for me through Mrs. Greene of Independence. I have not heard from her lately. The last letter I received stated that she was going to the hospital for a serious operation. I would assume that if she had passed away her letters would be returned to me. What do you hear from her? The inquiry which you had from Mr. Wolf of the Newberry Library was the result of some work he is doing for me. Sincerely, M. Drexel Rutherford MDR: MB





Nolachuckey Chapter

MRS. FEROL FROST HUBBS
REGENT
224 NORTH MAIN STREET

Örcenchille, Tennessee

June 7, 1952

Mr. M. Drexel Rutherford Warrenville Road Chicago 41, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Rutherford;

I was so glad to get your letter. It was my intentions to rest and do research as soon as I returned from Washington but I have done neither. It seems that from day to day my time is taken in such a way that I don't do anything any more unless I am prodded. I took part in the Memorial Day services, went to Chattanooga for the opening of the Grant Headauarters and was interviewed by the Director who is marking the historical points in Tennessee. This besides teaching in the Daiely Vacation Bible School at the First Baptist Church. By the time I finish with the children every morning, I feel as if I had been on a merry-go-round half my life.

I went to the court house yesterday afternoon to see whether I could find anything which would indicate just who the wife of Thomas Kennedy son of Col Daniel, was. I thought I had found it sure when I discovered that Thomas sold the land he inherited to Thomas Jr. I was sure it would be a deed from Thomas Sr and wife but the wife is not mentioned. It is the deed all right for the description of the land is exactly the same. I seldom copy the full description but I did take the first line in both as it is written exactly the same.

Next week I'll go back and search the deeds again and also search the minutes and other court data. I'll write you as soon as I see what is to be found.

Yours truly,

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# Nolachuckey Chapter

224 NORTH MAIN STREET Greenebille, Tennessee June 20, 1952

M. Drexel Rutherford Warrenbille Road Wheaton, Illinois

Dear Mr. Kutherford:

I tried at the court house yesterday and today to see whether I could determine whether Thomas Kennedy, son of Daniel married the Gillis or Penny girl. The only thing I've found is that they lived next door neighbors which is a pretty good indication that Thomas Kennedy did marry the Gillis girl. Of course, it is possible he married both. The Penny(Lenny) girl might have died or else they many not have married at all. These are bonds, you know and for the most part there is no indication as to whether the wedding took place or not. My research today was mostly on the Gillis deeds. I found only three Gillis deeds. A great many of our deeds arein Kenston, N.C. as that is where they had to go to register their deeds and a great many are not even in Greene Co. Notice that Thomas Gillis bought only 100 acres yet he sold 420. That is, the court sold it. At any rate, Thomas Gillis moved nexed to Daniel Kennedy about the first of January 1797 and Apr 26, 1800 Thomas married Grizey Gillis. The abstracts of the three Gillis deeds are and the three are all Thomas Gillis deeds:

Deed Book #6, page 160 18 Jan. 1797 James Wilson of Jefferson Co to Thomas Gillis of Greene Co., Tenn for 250 pounds current money of Virginia 2 tracts on the mill fork of big limestone adjoining Daniel Kennedys former line, said wilson's line on the South, joining Moores and Edwards old line. witnesses

Daniel Kennedy

Daniel Rawlings Registered Apr 9, 1798

#9, page 231 24 July, 1811 Daniel Guin Sheriff to Robert Allison Jun and Jonathan Baracross both of Washington Co whereas Robert Allison Senior for the use of Nathaniel Shipley recoevered judgment against Thomas Gillis ... must sell 420 ac es of land, the tract whereon said Gillis now lives or enough to satisfy said judgment, sold at publick sale for \$500, 6 Jan 1811 John Coffwans corner and Daniel Kennedy's old line, Moore and Edwards old line

#11, page 292 6 Apr 1798 Thomas Gillis Esq to Thomas Gillis Junior John Blair and John Alexander Jun; of W. county all of Tenn. Thomas Gillis do Grant and convey of Gift a certain tract at the Sou West corner of the meeting house to said congregation of Providence Church. Registered 3 Nov. 1818

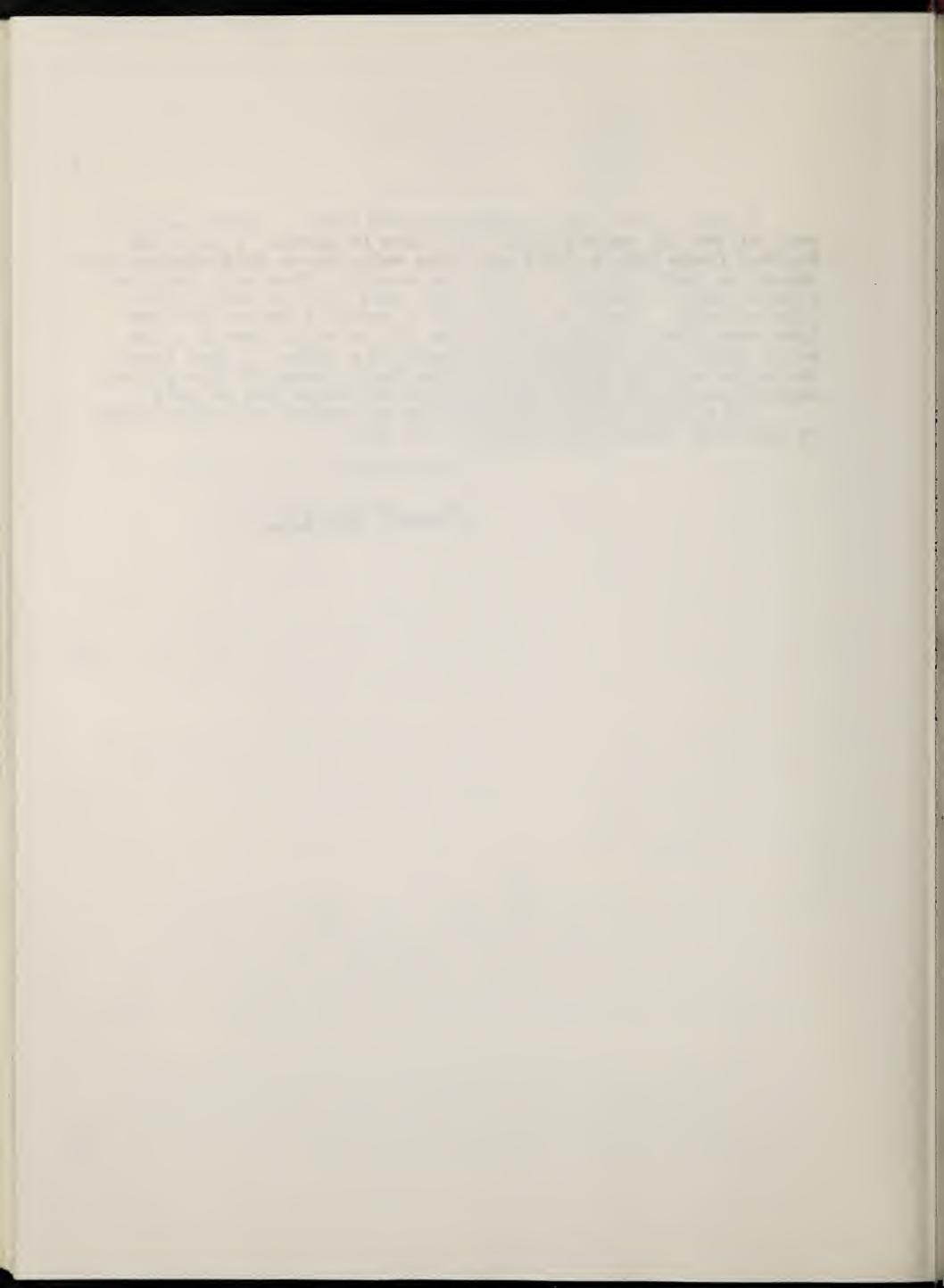
I hope I find this connection some time. There are so many of our old minute books that have no index. I am going through these taking out every item which shows relationship and making an index of these items for myself. This will help me greatly when I finish. I have done this for all books from 1783 to 1810. There is especially a period between 1817 and 1828 when there are no inventories and no wills except a few wills which the WPA found and placed in a book. I know there are wills missing though for I have found deeds of this period mentioning the executor selling land and there was no will.

I'm anxious to hear from you as to whether you think there

is anything worth while among all of this.

Yours truly,

Ferof Hubbs



The folloring was copied by Ferol F. Hubbs 224 N. aain St., Greeneville Tenn at the Greene County Tenn Court house June 6, 1952:

Deed Book #9 page 93
Partition of heal estate of Daniel Kennedy deceased to several persons named... Thos. Kennedy 147 acres including house whereon he now lives corner Stephen Alexander. Nov 7, 1808

Deed Book #29 page 70
Thomas Kennedy Sr. to Thomas Kennedy Sr on North side of Nolachuckey River on Holley's Creek for \$1500 Dec 9, 1857

Both of above deeds begin the description of the land, "Beginning at an ashe at corner of Robert Carson running south 47 east...", which shows without a doubt that the land Thomas Sr sold Thomas Jr was the land he inherited from his father Col Daniel kennedy.

The following abstract of will may be found in Will Book #1, page 553 (and note that it was written the same day the deed was made to Thomas Kennedy Jr. Thomas Sr does not mention his wife so she must not have been living at that time)
Thomas Kennedy written Dec 9, 1857 probated Aug 6, 1863
slaves to be divided among my grandchildren: Thomas Kennedy John Kennedy, James F. Kennedy, Daniel Kennedy, Mary Jane Farnsworth formerly Kennedy, and Penelope Kennedy.
My daughter Margaret and her heirs
John and Thomas Kennedy Jr, Executors
witnesses: J. P Snapp, R. F. Russell

County Court Minutes 1797-1800 (marked 1892 by mistake) page 149 Deed from Thomas Gillis Sen. to John Blair, John Alexander and Thomas Sillis Senr for one and a half acre including Trividence Meeting House Apr 6, 1798 Oath John Collier.

The following records were copied by Ferol Frost Hubbs, 224 North main Street., Greeneville, Tennessee from the records at the Greene Co., Tennessee court house.

Guardianships and Orphans Estates gives the names of Martin, John, Maftha, Susan and Mary Kennedy. The date is 1848, Feb 7.

Register's Office, Deed Book #9, page 93, Nov 7, 1808 DANIEL KENNEDY, deceased.

division of his land as follows:

John Kennedy 145 acres

Thomas Kenney 147 acres,

William Kennedy 87 acres

Daniel Kennedy 114 acres

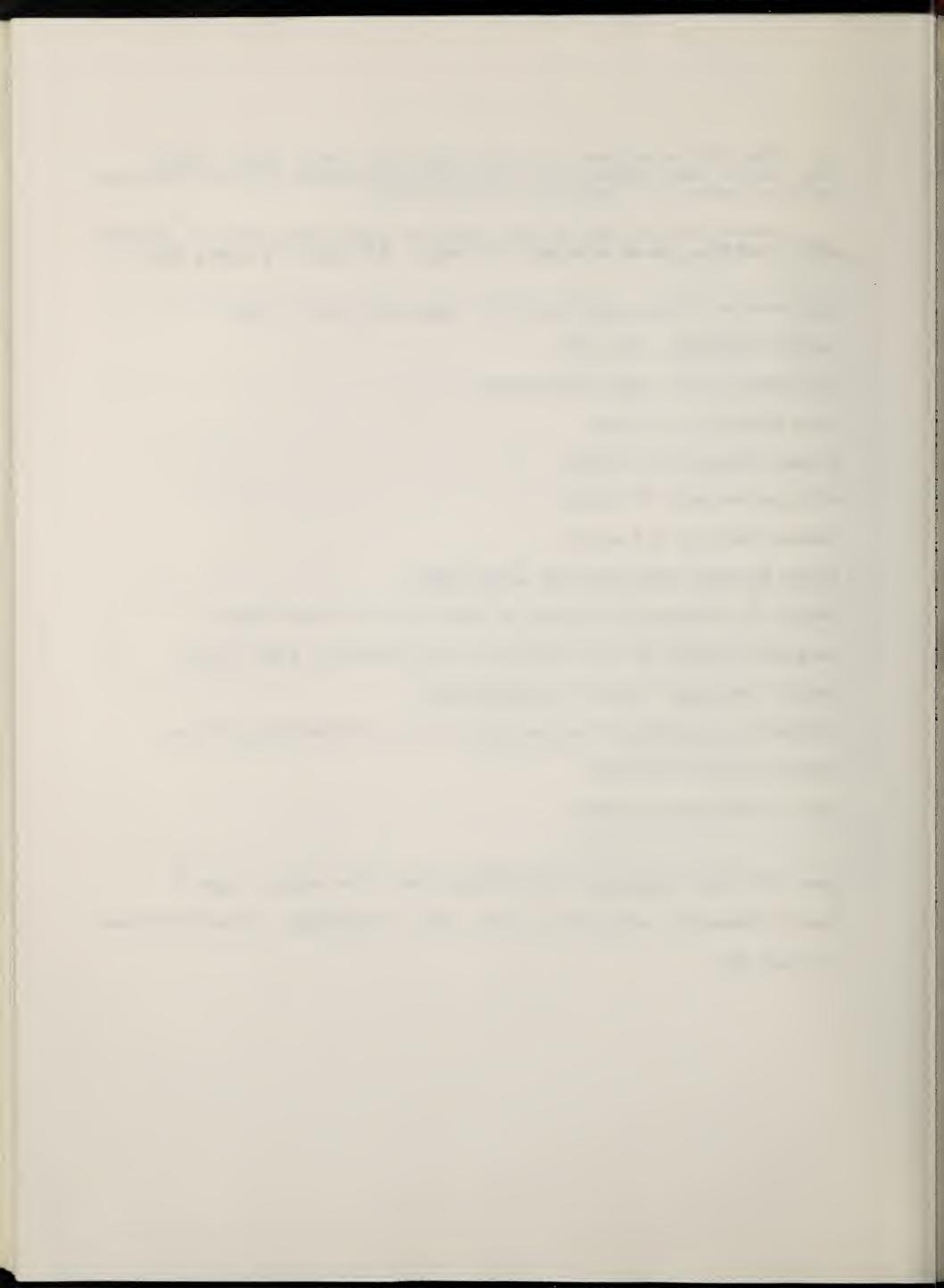
Allen Kennedy 100 acres on Lick Creek

George W. Kennedy 100 acres on West side of Lick Creek
Margaret Kenney Jr 100 acres on West branch of Lick Creek
Daniel Rawlings 2 lots in Greeneville

Stephen Alexander 107 acres North side of Molachuckey River
James Dailey 140 acres

Rezin Rawlings 91 acres.

Book #1802-10 contains inventories and a few wills. page 6
Daniel Kennedy, deceased Jan 26, 1803, inventory, also continued on page 35.



Will Book #1 page 553, Thomas Kennedy written Dec 9, 1857 probated Aug 6, 1863

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witnesses J. P. Snapp, R. F. Russell



July 2, 1952 Re: Kennedy

Mrs. Ferol Frost Aubis 224 North Main St. Greenville, Tenn.

Dear Mrs. Hubbar

You will recall that "my Thomas Kennedy" died in Coffee County, Tennessee about 1832, so that the ones we are following in a Greene County must be different, and the fact that this land was willed in '63 is proof that we must try to find the connection between Thomas who married GrizelleGillis and any other Thomas. The only thing we can do is to keep looking.

Perhaps he was a son of a brother of Daniel.

lours truly,

MUR/HS

M. Drezel Rutherford



December 8,1952 Mrs. Ferol Hubbs 224 North Main St., Greenville, Tenn. Dear Mrs. Hubbs: Following up my letter to you of October 15th, will you kindly check on the file that you have and see if you have any reports. Also I believe that in some of my correspondence, I had with Mrs. Greene, she mentioned that you were familiar with the Collins lines. If you recall, Ida Micha Collins, who married into the Nolan family. I am also interested in John Gillis, who lived in Green County, Tenn., at a very early age. His daughter, if I have the right name, was Greselle Gillis and married Thomas Kennedy, and Thomas Kennedy's daughter Jane, merried John Adams Rutherford. I am attaching a file showing what I know of Gillis. Perhaps you can expand on it a little. Yours very truly M.D. Rutherford MDR smn

# RALPH PORTER

COUNTY COURT CLERK
RHEA COUNTY

DAYTON, TENNESSEE

Nov. 10, 1951

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Mr. M. D. Rutherford Chicago Fence & Equipment Co 4400 Addison St. Chicago 41, Illinois

Dear Mr. Rutherford:

I received your letter several days ago in which you make inquiry as to the estate of Margaret Kennedy, deceased.

I have made a search of the records covering that period which includes Will Books, Minutes of the Court and Administrator's & Executors Settlements. So far I have found no record of a will made by Margaret Kennedy.

The records kept during that period are somewhat incomplete, some of the books not being properly indexed, and it would be quite a job to leaf through them.

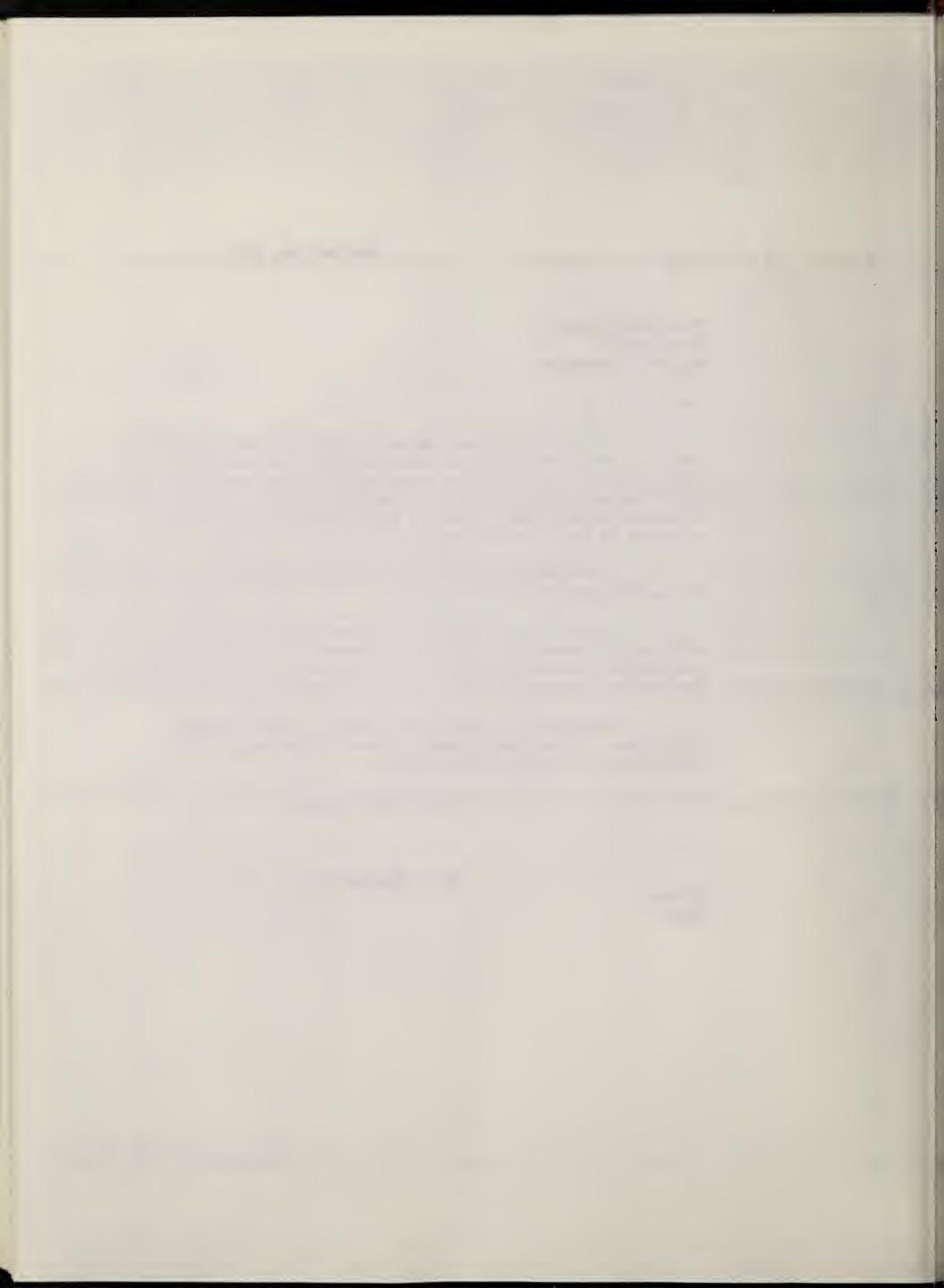
If you can give me anything more definite to check on I shall be glad to make further search.

Yours very truly,

Paul Porter, Deputy Clerk



October 30, 1951 The County Clerk Rhea County Dayton, Tennessee Dear Sir: I am advised that Margaret Kennedy died in 1816 leaving a will which was probated in 1817. In this will the names of her 11 children are given. I would like a certified copy of this will if possible and would also like to have a search made to see if any of the children signed releases of heirs to the property. I am particularly interested in a release from Thomas Kennedy and wife Griselle. If it is not feasible for your office to undertake this research for me, can you refer me to a competent geneologist who can do the work, providing, of course, that the records are available. Enclosed is a check for \$2.00 to cover expense of search. If the fee is more, please advise and I will send another check by return mail. Tours very truly, M. D. Rutherford



January 22, 1952

Greeneville College Greeneville, Tennessee

Gentlemen:

I find in Samuel Cole William's History of the Lost State of Franklin, pp. 299-301, the record that Col. Daniel Kennedy was a trustee of your college and that a monument was erected by his descendants (stating this fact) in 1920.

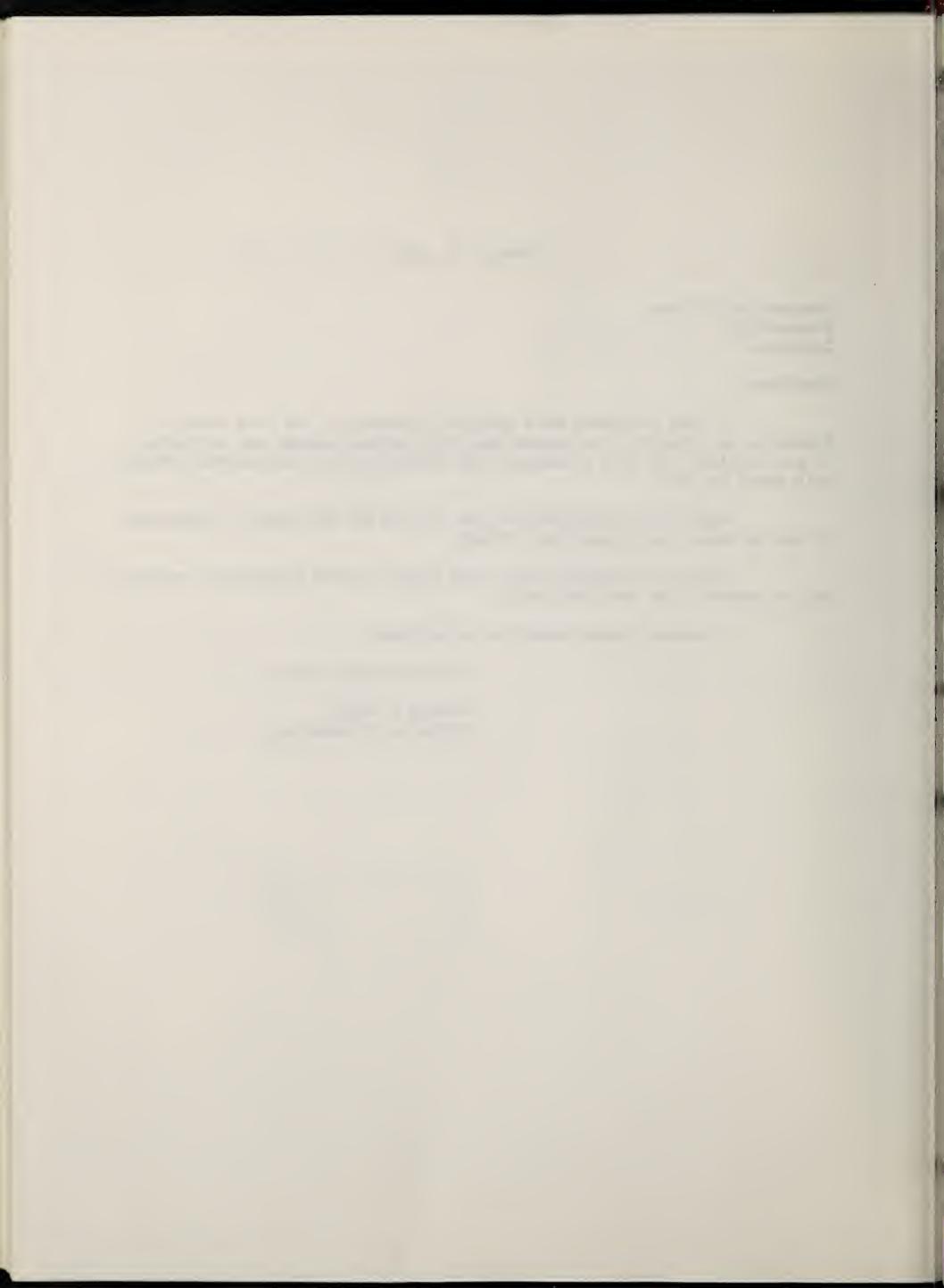
Would it be possible for you to give me the names and addresses of any of these descendants now living?

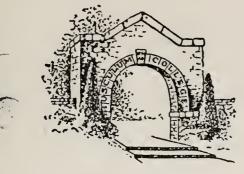
We have an inquiry about this noted man and believe the quickest way to secure it is from the family.

A return stamped envelope is enclosed.

Very sincerely yours,

Joseph C. Wolf, Division of Genealogy





Office of the President

## TUSCULUM COLLEGE

GREENEVILLE, TENNESSEE

January 30, 1952

Mr. Joseph C. Wolf Division of Genealogy The Newberry Library Chicago 10, Illinois

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Your letter addressed to Greeneville College has been referred to me. I have checked with one of the oldest members of our community about the descendants of Col. Daniel Kennedy.

He remembers attending the erection of the monument of which you speak, but he does not seem to know any of the descendants of Col. Kennedy.

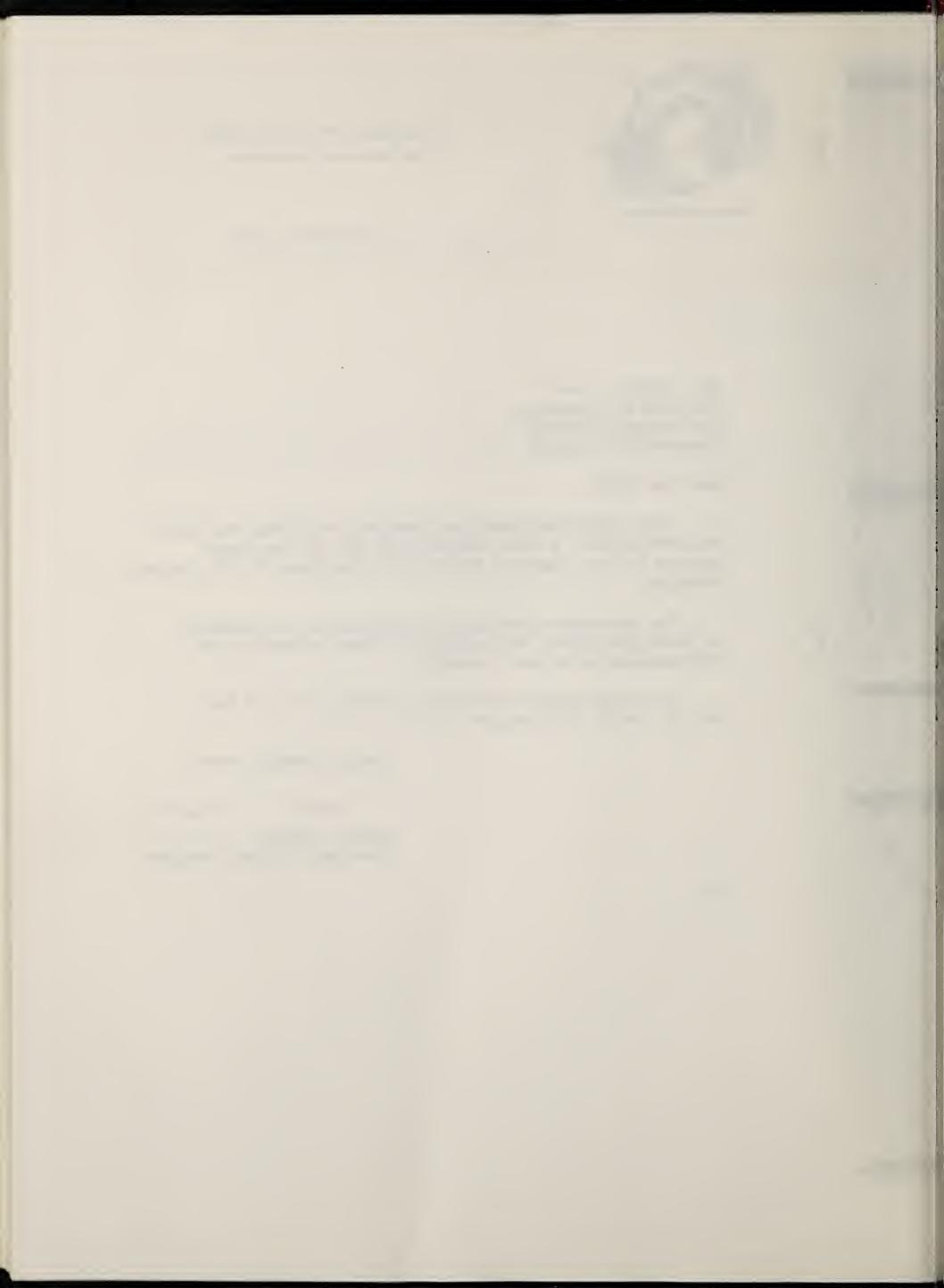
I am very sorry that we are not able to be of any help to you in this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

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Harriet Susong / Secretary to the President

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Jefferson County 6/11/1792 - No reference to Rutherford.

Knox County - taken same time - nothing on Hawkins.

Greene County - Daniel Kennedy - 1779 - 4 miles east of Greenville - mouth of Holley Creek, Sinking Creek near.

John Kennedy - Attorney - Mar. 7, 1810

Jos. Brown - Justice - 1818-1820

Geo. Brown . - Registrar - 1806-1836



ANSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,

## ABSTRACTS OF DEEDS - Book #5

Page 157- 28 Oct. 1760. Robert McClenachan and wife, Elizabeth, to John Castolo, for 20 pounds, 100 acres west of Catawba, adj. Thomas Williams, part of 939 acres. S.C. Wit: Samuel Thompson, Wm. Kennedy, Jacob Taylor.

# ABSTRACTS OF WILLS, Will Book #1

Page 58-- Will of Wm. Johnson, of Anson Co.; July 29, 1786, weak and low; son, Hugh Johnson, and wife to settle estate between Mary Ann Johnson, Wm. Johnson, Daniel Johnson, Malcom, John and James Johnson in equal parts. My dau. Katherine Kennedy to have 4 sh. and tract of land 1 purchased of Richard Odem.

Wit: John McRa

John Johnson

See Virginia Magazine of History and Biography Vol. X4 VII No. 2 April 1939 page 159

Montgomery County's Revolutionary Heritage

Thomas Gallis p. 152
John Gillis in Capt. Mayes Command
William Rurherford - same list

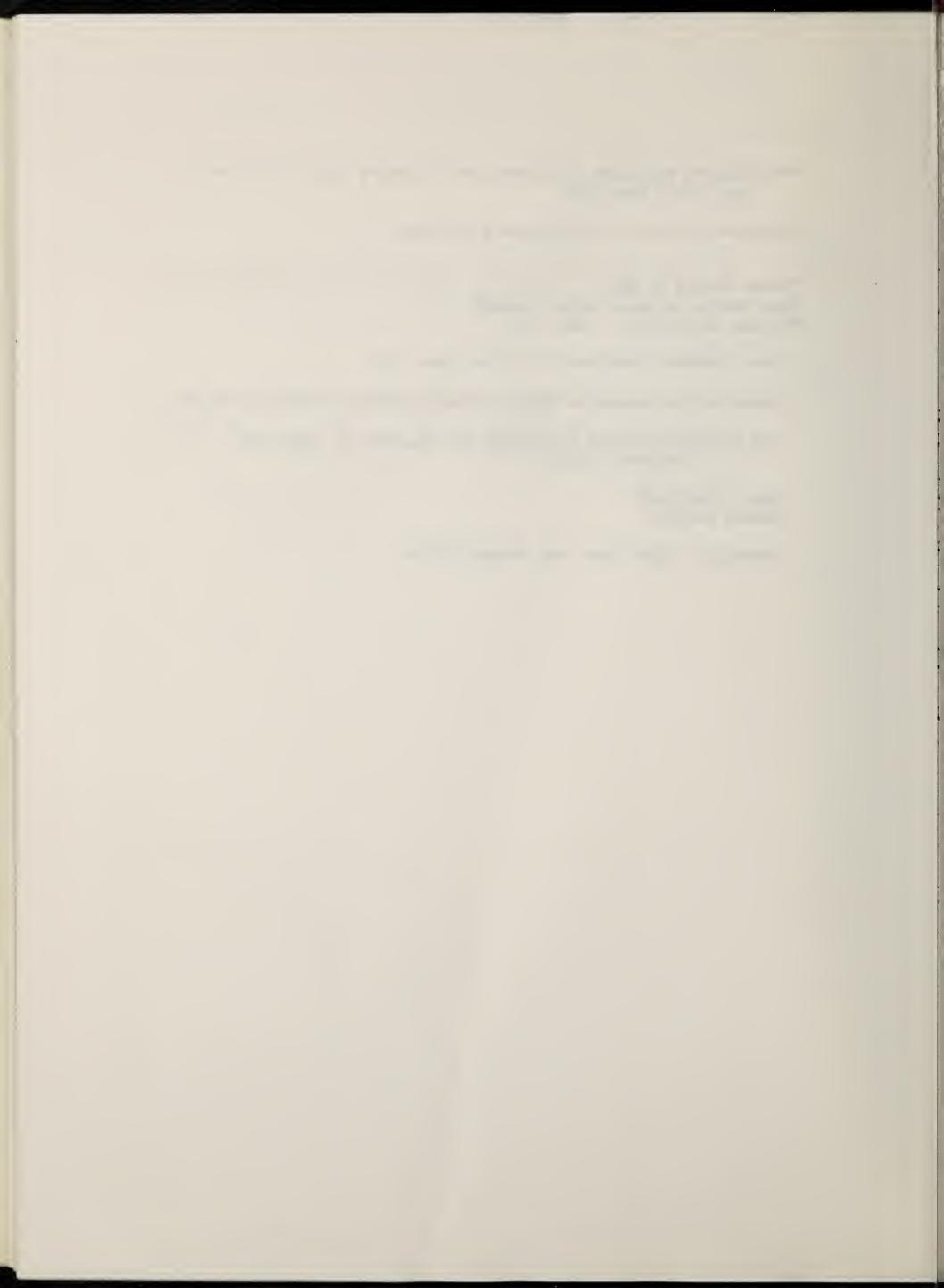
See Summers Annals of S. W. Va. Page 341

Thomas Gillis Ensign in Captain Wood's Company Botetourts Co. Va.

See Chalkleys Record of Augusta Co. Va. Vol 111 page 328 October 9,1798

John Poage and Hannah Gillis

Security - John Poage and Joseph Gillis



# Mrs. S. S. Crockett

Genealogist

1144 Greenfield Avenue NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Dec. 12, 1951

Mr. M.D.Rutherford Warrenville Road Wheaton, Ill.

Re: Kennedy- Rutherford

Dear Mr. Rutherford:

Enclosed find a list of sources consulted, and 4 pages of records copied.

The partition of the estate of aniel ennedy of Greene Co. shows that he had a son Thomas. On the other hand, the records show that said Thomas lived in Greene Co. till at least 1842- our records are not available (here at the Library) after 1843.

When I said- "on the other hand" I had in mind the fact that Thos. Kennedy of Franklin Co. died in 1832.

I have not seen the actual records- showing time, place &c- of your information of some of the marriages you quote. I think Franklin Co. marriages - preserved- begin at 1838. Maybe if I knew exactly what you have about Thos., Jane & J.A.Rutherford, I might think it thru a little more clearly.

The Greene Co. notes are clear enough on Daniel and family-all of his children except "aniel Jr. seemed to stay in Greene Co. The problem is of course, Franklin Co. I have been there, and seem to remember digging out a few books we dont have at the Library. There may be other records at the Library that I dont think of now-but I consulted all obvious sources & spent a busy day- not to speak of the time reading at home, and copying.

Tours very truly, & wishing you success,

Mrs. S.S.Crockett

GREENE CO. TENN. was created by the State of North Carolina in 1783 from a part of Washington Co. --- Settlements were begun in 1778 or earlier. Some of the early settlers were: Anthony Moore, Daniel Kennedy and Henry Earnest who were greatly interested in the establishment of the Methodist Church named Ebeneezer, the first of the sect (said to be) in the State.

The Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions was organized on the 1st Monday in August, 1783.---- Ebeneezer Church was on Nollachucky River.

Counties of Tennessee, A.P.Fosterpage 14.

The following Greene Co. Records were copied by W.P.A. Workers for the Ten State Library and were all searched by me today:

1783-1796- Minutes of Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, B'k 1 1802-04- Court Minutes 1802-10- Wills & Inventories 1805-180601807- Minutes 1807-09- Minutes 1809-17 Tax Book 1810-12 Minutes, Pleas & Qr. Sessions 1810-12 Minutes 1812-14- Minutes 1817-19- Pleas & Qr. Ses. 1822-23- Pleas &c 1824-25-26- Minutes 1824-25- Minutes-- suits-1825-26-27- Pleas &c 2 volumes 1828-43- Inventories & Sales- 3 volumes 1829-32- Pleas &c--Total----- 19 volumes

Census Reports:

1810 Rutherford Co. (the only 1810)

1820, Rutherford Sedford

Warren

arren We only have Middle Tenn. Cens

Franklin Davidson

Card Index of Tenn. Marriages- names Kennedy & Rutherford-

Goodspeed's History of Tenn. Greene & Franklin Cos. (Biographical)

Ramsey's Annals of Tenn.

Revolutionary Pensioners of Tenn.

Commissioned Officers Tenn. Militia, 1796-1811 (Mrs. J.T. Moore)

Fosters! Tennessee Counties

Note: I will onlym copy items on Thomas, except when others are assosociated with him. I will just list others.

KENNEDY

Greene Co. Minutes 1824- 25- (suits) John Sr. only-

1783-1796- Minutes of Pleas &c-MANY pages listed in index on Daniel Kenedy

p-409 Dec. 2, 1795 Thomas Kenedy witnesses deed.

p-444 A bill of sale from Wm. Murphy to Daniel Kennedy, proven by oath of Thos. Kenedy. Murphy was of Burke Co. N.C.

p-449- "Court Adjourned till to-morrow at 9 o'clock, Thomas Kennedy"

July-Aug. 1796- Present on the Bench: Jos. Hardin, Daniel Robinson, Dan. Copeland, J.Galbrath, Daniel Kenedy, C.G.C.

1802-1804- several pages mention Thomas Kenedy as Juror.

WILLS- 1802-10- A list of fees remaining on Execution Dockett due Daniel Kennedy, decd. returnable Oct. term, 1802. p-9- A long list of produce charged to James Penney.

p-7- 26 Jan. 1803- Inv. Goods & Chattels, personal estate of Daniel Kennedy, decd. (Law Books & other books are included) (Bibles)

p-33- 28 Jan. 1803 Sale of Personal estate of Daniel Kennedy decd. D.Rawlings, Adm'r. Margaret, widow, John son.

Minutes, 1807-09- Partition of Real estate of Daniel Kennedy, decd. p-275- Distributive shares among claimants:

1. To John Kennedy- 158 acres where he now lives;

2. To Thomas Kennedy, 147 acres including his house & part of plantation where he now lives;

3. To William Kennedy 87acres joing land of John Kennedy & Dower lands of Margaret Kannedy.

4 To Daniel Kennedy 114 acres

5. To Allen Kennedyloo acres on Lick Creek, being part of a 300 acre grant from N.C. to Daniel Kennedy, joining land of Margaret Jr.

6. To Geo. W. Kennedy 100 acres

7. To Daniel Rawlings 2 lots in Greeneville.

8. To Stephen Alexander, 107 acres joing land of Thomas Kennedy.

9. To James Bailey, 146 acres

10. To Rezin Rawlings 91 acres

Commission for Division- (signed) Maurice Moore
Stephen Brooks
Henry Earnest, Jr.
John Farnsworth

Note: Margaret's Dower lands, Margaret Jr.'s "Line" are referred tobut not described. Charges were made John to pay "awlings; James Bailey to pay Alexander; Thomas to pay Margaret Jr.; &c&c---

Commissioners received \$1.00 per day for 10 days- spent making division.

#### KENNEDY

Greene Co. Tenn.
Minutes, 1805-06-

p-10- A "jury" appointed to mark out a road--- Nolachucky River--- Daniel, Moses, John and Thomas Kennedy. 30 July 1805 (others)

Minutes 1807-1809-- Mentions of the following Kennedys- but nothing of significance as to reltionship or movements-- Allen; Geo. W.; Daniel; John; Margaret, Margaret r., Nathan, Samuel, Thomas, William.

Kennedy-- set off-- including mansion house, barns & other buildingsher natural life-- 3d Nov. 1808

Tax Book- 1809-17- Kennedy- A.; Daniel; G.W.; John; Margaret; Nathan; Robert; Samuel; Thomas- 137 acres on Chucky.

Minutes Pleas & Qr. Sessions- 18;0-12- Thomas Kennedy to view & mark road- 29 Jan. 1812.

Minutes Pleas & Qr. Sessions, p-49- Peace Warrant- Thos. et alp-222 Thomas witnesses agreement between John of Greene Co. & Daniel of Rhea Co. in which John buys Daniel's interest in his father Janiel Sr.'s estate. 1 June, 1808. 1816

Minutes P & Qr.S- 1817-19- Kennedy: Andrew, "Captain"; Daniel; James; John; Margaret; Robert; Samuel; Thomas: mortgages 6 acres to Samuel, John & Robert, 15 Dec. 1817.

p-276- 27 July, 1818- "late dwelling of Margaret Kennedy."

Minutes 1822-23- p-49- A Quit claim to John Rennedy from Daniel Rawlings, & Mary his wife; Wm. Kennedy; James Bailey& Elizabeth his wife; Stephen Alexander & Sarah his wife; Rezin Rawlings & Polly Ann his wife; Allen & Geo. W. Kennedy- heirs of Margaret Kennedy- executed by Thomas Kennedy. John McClure & Margaret his wife; Sept. 1822.

Greene Co. Minutes, 1824-25- p-181- Thomas Kennedy, John, Wm. Allen, Geo. W., Mary Rawlings, Rezin Rawlings & FelyyAnn, Stephen Alexander & Sarah. James Bailey & Elizabeth, John for Daniel-- heirs of Daniel Kennede decd. to Valentine Sevier-- Certified by clerk of Rhea Co. 28 Oct. 1824

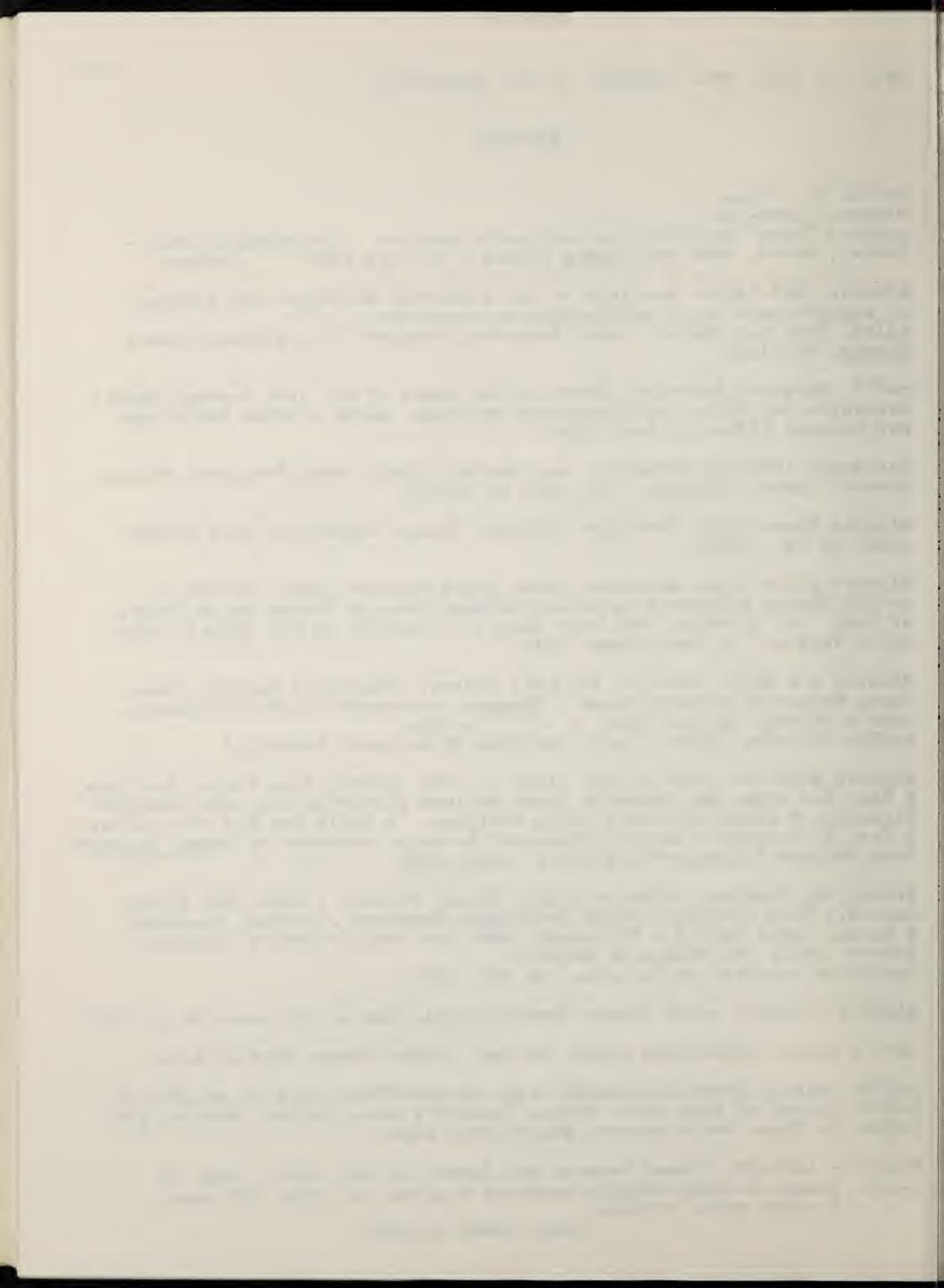
Minutes 1826-27- p-166 Thomas Tennedy double Tax on 137 acres, 24 Apl. 1827

Inv. & Sales- 1828-1843- p-183, 23 Jan. 1838- Thomas buys at sale.

p-378- Sale of James Y. Kennedy- Jan. 25-1836-Thos. buys to amt. \$61.55 p-667- Estate of Hugh Low-- Thomas Tennedy's note- LO.00- Sept.6, 1841 p-683- To Chas. Low's estate- \$8.72- Feb. 1842.

Minutes- 1829-42- Thomas Kennedy Sr. Juror- 25 Jan. 1830. page 78 p-421- Thomas Kennedy taxable property & polls for 1831- 127 acres 1 white poll, 2 black.

(Many Penny records)



Census of 1820
Davidson Co. Thomas Rutherford
William Rutherford

Summer Co. James Rutherford, 4 males to 10; 1,16-18; , 1,18-26;1,over 45 Fem. 2 to 10; 2, 10-16; 1, 26-45.

Franklin Co. John Rutherford, males, 1, 16-26-

( I just picked up these Rutherford notes as I went along. Did not look especially for Rutherford.)

Goodspeeds History of Tenn.

Neither Kennedy nor Rutherford in Biographical sketches of Franklin and Greene Cos.

Acklen's 2 volumes of Tenn. Bible & Tombstone Records-Many of both names, but none that seemed to fit this search.

Ramsey's Annals of Tenn.

A great deal about Col. & Brig. Gen. Daniel Kennedy of Greene Co.

It adds nothing to what I suppose you already have. No family relationships mentioned. Just his official record in connection with the county and the State of Franklin. Letters from Sevier &c.

Tennessee Pensioners of the Revolution: (a compilation)
p-24 Thos. Rutherford, Grainger Co.
76 Absalom Rutherford, pvt. a. Line, 71 in 1833 Knox Co.
16 Julius Rutherford, Anderson Co. 75 in 1819

x107 \*\* Wm. Rutherford nox Co. N.C. Line, d. Nov. 16, 1833, 85 years of age.

page 44 107 Kennedy- James, Wilson Co. Sgi. Va. Line, 81 in 1818 107 Kennedy, William, Wayne Co. pvt. N.C. Line 72 in 1833 2 Kennedy, Andrew, Blount Co. N.C. Line

Card Index of Tenn. Marriages (a compilation of available sources at Library.) Many of both names, but none that seemed helpful.

(I did not have time in the day-light hours at Library to go into Washington Co.

The Ramsey, Acklen, Foster &c-- I studied at home.)

Commissioned Officers, Tenn. Militia (Moore) 1796-1811 Warren Co. John Kennedy, Capt. 20th Regt. 1810 Bedford Co. Joseph Kennedy, Lt. 28th Regt. 1811 Overton Co., Thomas Kennedy Capt. 35th Regt. 1811

Davidson Co. William RUTHERFORD, Lt.,5th Brigade Cavalry, 1809 (the only Rutherford in Mrs. Moore's Book.)

N.B. Overton Co. was cut from Jackson Co. in 1806 & Jackson from Smith in 1801.

### KENNEDY

Franklin Co. Tenn. Record Book "A" 1808-18- NEITHER Kennedy NOR Ruther-

Note: "Franklin was erected Dec. 3, 1807 from Warren & Bedford Cos "(Foster As both Bedford & Warren were formed in 1807, the earliest records of s'd counties would go back to Rutherford, Smith, Sumner & Davidson.

Franklin Co., Will Book 1-2-1808-16.

p-237 llo- Will of Thomas Kennedy. (I know you have this, but will include the abstract for the record, and my files. () 1. Just debts to be paid----

2. My two youngest children, Nancy & George to receive an amount equal to that already given my older children.

3. Beloved wife Grizzell to be supported during life or widowhood--

Nancy & eorge to be supported until they have reached the age of 21.

My four sons: John, Thomas, William & George. 5.

My three daughters: Jane, Elizabeth, Nancy 6. Wife, Grizzell and son Thomas, Executors-This 8 Nov. 1832

signed Thomas Kennedy

Wit:

John Buxy (later Blixy) William X Nichols

Proved 26 Nov. 1832 with Grizzell Kennedy and Thomas G. Kennedy, Executors.

Wm. H. Murry J.A. Rutherford Bond for #1,000.

The Franklin Co. Records are meagre, even at Winchester, but above is all I saw of significance in Books at Library which were:

> Record Book A- 1808-18 W.B.1-2- 1808-76 Marriages, 1838-75 Minutes, 1832-37 Minutes, 1837-43

Census Reports; Rutherford Co. the only 1810- Neither K- nor R'd edford Co. 1820-NEITHER Davidson Co. 1820- Kennedy, John

> Samue 1 William

Franklin Co. K820, Kennedy:

Thomas, 2 males under 10, 2, 10-16, 1 over 45 fem 2 under 10, 2, 10-16, 1, 26-45

l males over 45, 1 fem 10-16; 1, 16-26, 1, over 45, 1 slave

James Kennedy, 1 males under 10, 1 26-45; 2 fem 10-16; 1, 26-45.

Warren Co., James & John Kennedy; Sumner Co. Prudence; DANIEL; John. We have here only 1820 census for counties of Middle Tenn., except the Rutherford for 1810. (for name of Rutherford see another sheet.)











